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Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi in Vienna -- Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi held a press conference in Vienna, reported by Tripoli radio's Voice of Arab Homeland, in which he said Libya attaches great importance to the establishment of useful relations with Western Europe. Libya's oil revenues are spent on constructive projects, aid to poor countries and joint projects with industrial countries, Al-Qadhdhafi claimed, and are not spent on sabotage and terror, as alleged by Zionist propaganda. He said the U.S. "war" on Libyan oil will not harm the Libyan people, but will harm developing countries who receive aid from Libya and will jeopardize joint projects between Libya and the industrial states, thereby causing losses for Western companies. Defending the Palestinian resistance as the legitimate struggle of an expelled people to regain their homeland, Al-Qadhdhafi said President Ronald Reagan believes Zionist claims because he is "ignorant." The Libyan leader also accused Reagan of "terrorizing" African presidents to prevent them from meeting in Libya. However, he added, Libya is ready to resume relations with the United States and knows that since the U.S. President is still new, it is possible for his policy to improve in the future.

Earlier, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky told Vienna radio he had gained the impression that Al-Qadhdhafi is attempting to achieve an opening toward Europe. He said Austria is likely to substantially increase its economic exchange with Libya.

Reaction to Oil Ban -- Libya's Voice of Arab Homeland radio said the United States is wrong to imagine its measures will make the Libyans kneel after being starved.

OAPEC Secretary General 'Ali 'Atiqah also denounced the U.S. ban, according to QNA.

Saudi Arabia

An 8 March editorial by the Jidda paper 'UKAZ called for the expulsion of Libya from the Arab League because of Colonel al-Qadhdhafi's "subversive crimes."

Lebanon

The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported that IDF units were seen moving toward Israel's northern border on 11 March. Meanwhile, Israeli security sources confirmed HA'ARETZ's report that the Syrian Army has established an observation post at Beaufort Castle, according to Jerusalem radio. Voice of Hope radio reported that Maj Sa'd Haddad said Free Lebanon Forces will shell Beaufort Castle even if UNIFIL establishes an observation post there and even if the forces in the castle do not fire at his Free Lebanon Forces.

Phalangist security men arrested four persons responsible for the car bombs in the Christian sector, and one of them admitted having coordinated incidents with Fatah, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. However, a responsible PLO source said that neither the Palestinian revolution nor any of its officials were connected with the explosions, according to the Voice of Palestine.

Israel

Denial of U.S. Pressure -- Prime Ministerial Adviser Uri Porat denied that the United States has pressured, threatened or warned Israel to deter it from carrying out a military operation in Lebanon, MA'ARIV reported.

Guidance Committee Ban, Village Leagues -- Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon has outlawed the National Guidance Committee in Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip because of its links with the PLO and its hostile and subversive activity, Jerusalem radio reported. Nabulus Mayor Bassam ash-Shak'ah described the ban as a move toward further oppression in the territories, according to the radio. MA'ARIV reported that Israel is to supply more weapons to the village leagues.

Golan Heights -- The Golan Druzes will have to carry Israeli identification cards starting 1 April, according to ITIM. However, this will not make Druzes Israeli citizens and they will not be liable for military service.

Syria

The Syrian Communist Party issued a statement praising Syria's stand against the United States and Israel and denouncing the Muslim Brotherhood's plots against Syria, Damascus radio reported. The radio also reported on a television interview with a Syrian citizen who was recruited by the Iraqis to detonate a car bomb in Damascus but subsequently gave himself up to the Syrian authorities instead of committing the crime.

PLO

PLO Political Department Chief Faruq Qaddumi met in Paris with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, according to AFP. Afterward, Qaddumi described their discussion as frank and said it would be inopportune for PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat to visit France at the moment. According to the Voice of Palestine, Qaddumi's visit is aimed at clarifying the French Government's new policy toward the Palestinians.

Iran

Extortion Warning, Executions -- Tehran radio broadcast a statement issued by the Chief Prosecutor's Office warning against opportunists and profit-seekers who have approached families of prisoners and attempted extortion on the pretext of being able to achieve amnesties for the prisoners. Those who attempt such traitorous acts, as well as those who bribe them, will be prosecuted and severely punished, the statement added. The amnesty office of the Supreme Court bears sole responsibility for amnesties, the statement said, and no one else can interfere in the process.

Meanwhile, AFP reported that KARGAR, the weekly paper of the unauthorized Trotskyist Revolutionary Workers Movement, charged that the Evin Prison authorities have continued to conduct unpublicized executions and to torture prisoners.

War Reports, Criticism of Saudis -- An armed forces communique carried by Tehran radio claimed that Iranian forces killed or injured about 150 Iraqis during a 9 March battle in the Kur-e Mush region. The radio also reported that Kurdish insurgents inside Iraq recently shot down two Iraqi aircraft.

Iran's Foreign Ministry castigated Saudi Arabia for aiding Iraq in the war, according to IRNA.

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'ARAFAT RETURNS TO BEIRUT FROM GDR 10 MAR

JN111552 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in English 1500 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Excerpt] PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat and the Palestinian delegation arrived in Beirut yesterday evening after concluding a 2-day official visit to GDR.

PLO OFFICIAL RAPS AL-QADHDHAFI, LAUDS SAUDIS

PM111621 London ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic 11 Mar 82 p 1

[Mahir 'Abbas report from Jidda: "'Arafat Adviser Says in Jidda: We Are Unhappy About Al-Qadhdhafi's Statements Because Saudi Arabia Is Our Biggest Supporter"]

[Text] Hani al-Hasan, political adviser to Yasir 'Arafat and Fatah Central Committee member, has expressed displeasure with Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's attacks on Saudi Arabia. He was delivering a lecture here in Jidda the day before yesterday. Palestinian circles attached considerable importance to this lecture. Fatah made a point of issuing a large number of invitations which described the lecture as "important and related to the latest development affecting the Palestine cause." Neither the invitations nor Fatah's office here mentioned any occasion to justify the lecture.

Hani al-Hasan said: "I get upset when I hear what Al-Qadhdhafi is saying about Saudi Arabia these days."

He added that anyone who initiates peripheral battles such as this in fact harms the Palestine cause. He condemned the attempts to engage in battles other than the battle of Palestine. Such a step, he said, "cannot benefit the cause since we are in need of Arab solidarity."

It is recalled that Libya's Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi launched an attack on Saudi Arabia in a speech he made 2 March, describing Saudi Arabia as an "enemy of the Arabs and the Palestine cause."

In his lecture, the political adviser to Yasir 'Arafat also said: "The Palestinians are today happy about the attitude of Saudi Arabia. For many years in the past it played a backstage role in the conflict with the Zionist enemy, but now, under the leadership of King Khalid and his crown prince, it is directly conducting the conflict, and this is a very good thing for us."

As an example of Saudi Arabia's efforts, the Palestinian official said that in 1974 France badly wanted an arms deal with Saudi Arabia to strengthen the French franc, but the late King Faysal refused to conclude the deal unless France agreed to deal with the PLO, which France was compelled to do.

Hani al-Hasan welcomed Egyptian President Husni Mubarak's recent statements, adding: "We are waiting for an anti-Camp David Egypt to return to the Arab fold and play its part."

The Palestinian official criticized French President Mitterrand's recent statements in Israel. He added: "I wish to stress that he will withdraw all his statements within the next 3 months."

OAPEC CHIEF ON U.S. BOYCOTT OF LIBYAN OIL

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[Text] Doha, 11 Mar (QNA) -- OAPEC Secretary General 'Ali 'Atiqah has announced that the U.S. stand on Libyan oil must be condemned and denounced because the United States is always the first country to oppose any embargo.

On the OAPEC stand toward the U.S. decision, he told QNA that because of the importance and gravity of this issue, it is up to the Arab countries to adopt their own positions. Mr 'Atiqah said this matter is complicated since Libyan oil is an inseparable part of Arab oil just as Libya is an inseparable part of the Arab nation.

On the timing of the U.S. decision, he noted that timing is not important. What is important is what the resolution says. He added that the final session of the second Arab energy conference has been postponed until this evening for procedural reasons.

PLO OFFICIAL RECEIVES FRENCH AMBASSADOR, OTHERS

JN111721 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in English 1500 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Abu Ja'far, director of the [PLO] Political Department, this morning received the French ambassador to Lebanon, Paul Marc Henry, in his office. The meeting dealt with the bilateral relations between the PLO and France and the latest developments of the situation in the region and the Palestinian people's struggle.

The meeting was held in the presence of Abu 'Ali, a responsible [official] in the West Europe Section of the PLO Political Department and the first secretary of the French Embassy.

Abu Ja'far yesterday met with the Greek and Italian ambassadors consecutively.

KUWAITI PAPER INTERVIEWS FATAH'S ABU AL-HAWL

GF110746 Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic 9 Mar 82 p 19

[Report on interview granted to AS-SIYASAH correspondent Husayn at-Tantawi by Hayil 'Abd al-Hamid, alias Abu al-Hawl, Fatah Central Committee member and chief of the PLO Central Security Organ, in Riyadh -- date not given]

[Excerpts] Hayil 'Abd al-Hamid, alias Abu al-Hawl, Fatah Central Committee member and chief of the PLO Central Security Organ, has asserted to AS-SIYASAH that information received from the occupied territory indicates that the Israeli enemy has recently concentrated a massive troop buildup in southern Lebanon, mobilizing tank, artillery and manpower reserves. This shows that the goal is not only southern Lebanon. The Israeli enemy may carry out aggression against Syria or Jordan or both countries. He said: I can affirm that from the heavy concentrations of tanks in the city of Safad and from the immense mobilization, the Palestinian resistance has mobilized all of its energies to confront this aggression. You know the four currently ruling the enemy's state do not calculate much. Therefore, I can affirm they will carry out an operation and we are sure it will not be an excursion for them.

[Question] Do you expect this massive military operation before April?

[Answer] We expect it at any time. Our military calculations do not depend on these four people. They always resort to sudden operations.

[Question] But can this operation not be accounted for? In other words, will the next Israeli military operation be a vent for its economic straits, which it wants to overcome? Or will it be to block its withdrawal from the Sinai or to occupy new territory in southern Lebanon or in other confrontation states?

[Answer] We Arabs must always remember that the land the Israeli enemy is occupying is not its only goal. The enemy always thinks of occupying new land. We have not forgotten their old slogan: From the Euphrates to the Nile. Under favorable circumstances, the enemy will occupy new Arab territory. As for my assessment of this operation the Israeli enemy is planning, according to my information it will be carried out because the military strength of the Palestinian resistance is near and for the purpose of occupying new territory in Syria or Jordan. As I have said, this is what they are planning. However, what they are planning is not predestined, and we are sure our fighters' morale is high and they are prepared to inflict heavy losses on the Israeli enemy, God willing.

[Question] The European Parliamentary Council has decided to meet in Jerusalem. What is the Palestinian reply to this?

[Answer] We should not expect much from Europe or the United States because what they have proposed so far does not satisfy the Arab people's ambitions. Therefore, we are not surprised at the convening of this conference in Jerusalem, especially since we have not used our Arab weapons against the United States or Europe. They have not been made to feel that there is a unified Arab stand that may affect their interests in the region.

[Question] Let us now concentrate on the unified Arab stand. Will you go to the Arab summit?

[Answer] How can we go to the forthcoming Arab summit while our stands are divided and disintegrating? The current Arab situation is very bad and the Israeli enemy is exploiting this situation. It is flaunting its forces at Arab countries. The enemy has struck Iraq's nuclear reactor and carries out daily sorties -- whether by sea or air -- against Lebanon. It ostentatiously reached Tabuk. It could not carry out such acts without an awareness of Arab disintegration and weakness. Therefore, before holding any conference, we have to reach a minimum agreement or a unified stand.

[Question] What about the assassination of Palestinian leaders abroad? Does the revolution not provide appropriate security protection for them?

[Answer] I am sorry to say that a number of Palestinians have been assassinated through plots by some intelligence organizations as well as by the Zionist enemy. We are in a continuing state of conflict with the enemy. Many security precautions have been taken to protect Palestinians abroad. However, you know the circumstances and the security situation in the countries they go to. We try to provide them with as much protection as possible. Nevertheless, as long as we are fighting the enemy, we must always expect martyrs here and there.

[Question] Does the increase in power of the Mosad, the Israeli intelligence organization, and its cooperation with the CIA and European intelligence organizations mean a small number of commando operations in the occupied territories?

[Answer] No, on the contrary, the operations in the occupied territories are increasing and we are proud of them. You will find revolution in the occupied territories because injustice and tyranny have reached excessive limits. In my view, the Mosad's power is not the basis but the reason for the weakness of Arab intelligence organizations.

Despite its cooperation with U.S. and European intelligence organizations, which I have talked about, there is a raging battle between us and the Mosad. Many clandestine operations have been carried out; there is no need to mention them now. Anyhow, they are honorable victories for us.

[Question] U.S. Senator Percy has announced that Israel possesses 25 nuclear bombs. What does he mean by this announcement?

[Answer] Naturally, Israel's main goal is to always intimidate the Arab nation. I believe that if Israel does not possess the bomb, it is trying to possess it. As you know, it did not even allow Iraq to have a nuclear reactor, which was intended for peaceful purposes. The Israelis have threatened to hunt Arab scientists and they killed Egyptian scientist Yahya al-Mashadd in France. Israel is threatening Pakistan to prevent it from having nuclear reactors. It continued strategic plot is to prevent the Arabs from possessing nuclear power even for peaceful purposes. Yet, Israel has the right to manufacture nuclear bombs.

[Question] How do we allow it to possess nuclear bombs?

[Answer] I have told you that, regrettably, Arab strategy is weak. Israel is now saying it will not tolerate the Palestinian resistance in southern Lebanon and will not allow Arabs to use nuclear reactors to discourage them from manufacturing a nuclear bomb in the future. Let me ask this: What do we Arabs have? The question is directed at all of us.

[Question] Are you with the government-in-exile?

[Answer] Our leading organs have not yet studied the issue.

[Question] What is your view of establishing a Palestinian state on any liberated territory, or is your strategy to establish the state on all of Palestine?

[Answer] In our short-term plan, we said we would establish the national state on any liberated Palestinian territory and I believe this has been completely agreed on. Of course the strategic goal is to establish the democratic Palestinian state in all of Palestine.

[Question] Brother Abu al-Hawl, the Phalangists say the Palestinians are behind the Lebanese crisis and they are against the idea of resolving this crisis. Why is this?

[Answer] I believe it has become clear that what is taking place in Lebanon is a U.S. plot to destroy Lebanon, to Balkanize the region. I believe a U.S. decision has been made to control this region, and this will be done by creating minority groups here and there. This is the U.S. plot and this is the truth. It is the trap in which the Phalangists and others were caught because they finally discovered they had achieved nothing, neither with Israel nor by carrying out U.S. plots. On the contrary, we are concerned with tourism in Lebanon and not with the destruction of Lebanon. However, in my view, those who destroy Lebanon are those who carried out the Zionist-U.S. plot.

[Question] What is the Soviet stand?

[Answer] The Soviet Union is a strategic friend of the Arabs. It sides with us and supports us in various fields. The Soviet Union has a clear stand on the Palestinian issue.

[Question] Is it necessary to involve it in the resolution of the crisis?

[Answer] In my opinion, no resolution can be achieved unless the Soviet Union is a party.

[Question] The Palestinian revolution, through Yasir 'Arafat, has supported Saudi Arabia's peace plan. Yet, Brother Faruq Qaddumi had reservatons which he announced at the Fes foreign ministers meeting. Now, what is the Palestinian revolution's clear stand on this plan?

[Answer] Let me tell you very clearly that the mass media -- either through good intentions or not -- have reported that there are two Palestinian stands: Yasir 'Arafat's and Faruq Qaddumi's. This is completely untrue. There is a clear stand on Saudi Arabia's peace plan. We had some reservations on this plan. I believe the media campaign directed against these reservations is wrong. It is possible for us as Arab brothers to discuss it and decide what is our interest, particularly since the kingdom does not cling to its stand and has good intentions. It is possible for these reservations to be discussed and the whole stand be formulated in a way that may serve the Arab nation's interest. Let me give you an example: Yesterday a plan was submitted to the Arab interior ministers conference. This project was discussed and there were reservations about it. These were discussed in a spirit of brotherhood and an agreement was reached. This means that on any proposed project there should be many views so that a stand can be formulated. No one can impose anything or any stand on the Palestinian or the Arab people. On the contrary, we can reject, approve or have reservations on any project without entering a political battle. I reiterate once more that there is no split among the Palestinians.

[Question] Are there any contacts between Iran and the Palestinian command?

[Answer] Yes, contacts continue. A Palestinian delegation recently visited Iran. He who says he wants to stop the war has to continue efforts between the two parties.

ARAB ENERGY CONFERENCE ENDS, ISSUES STATEMENT

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[Excerpt] Doha, 11 Mar (WAKH) -- The second Arab energy conference has urged that efforts be made to conserve and prolong the life of oil and natural gas reserves in Arab countries, raise the optimum level of extraction and intensify prospecting operations.

A statement issued at the end of the Arab energy conference emphasized the need to render technological and financial support for prospecting operations by establishing national and joint Arab prospecting companies.

The conference also called for encouraging the wide-scale use of solar energy for domestic purposes and for efforts to develop the utilization of solar energy in water desalination and agriculture.

The conference also recommended the formation of a working group of electricity consumers and distributors in Arab countries to cooperate in the fields of power connection, the unification of electricity measurements and the exchange of expertise. Such a group should be coordinated by the Arab fund for economic and social development in conjunction with the Arab industrial development organization, the conference resolved.

In its statement the conference denounced the boycott and embargo measures adopted by the United States against Libya and called on the Arab nation to support the Libyan people and to adopt measures that will negate the effect of the U.S. ban.

KUWAIT

PAPER REPORTS U.S. PLANNING TO ATTACK LIBYA

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[From the press review]

[Text] Kuwait, 11 Mar (KUNA) -- AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM on the imminent U.S. attack on Libya:

"The U.S. is openly planning to strike at Libya when the rift is at its peak to insure that the disunited Arabs won't be able to support Libya against the aggression, and won't deter her (the U.S.) from this aggression in the first place.

"The U.S. and the West had established Israel on Palestinian soil and in the heart of the Arab region at a time when none of the Arabs "knew" where Moscow lies on the map. All the independent Arab regimes at that time were with Western inclinations while the bulk of the remaining Arab countries were under the direct influence of the Western imperialism. "[Word indistinct] the Western hostility towards this nation is [word indistinct] and the establishment of Israel is its biggest proof. This hostile attitude has nothing to do with the kind of regime whether moderate or extremist. Aggression and the desire to inflict it is directed against everybody: Libya, Saudi Arabia, Fatah and the Popular Front (two factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the former being the main stream), Egypt and Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and against any other Arab country. How then did we allow ourselves to fall in this death trap and imagine that permitting Americans to strike at Libya and strangle her is an acceptable and legal act?

"In its pursuit of reprisal, the U.S. is trying to take revenge from those who refuse to succumb to its dominance and who are protecting the Arab dignity. As such and no matter what the reasons behind the rift among us, we have to develop the ability to bypass them and to take stances of higher moral and national levels. Through this we can preserve the land and our dignity in the eyes of the world.

"The Americans want us to be militarily crippled. This is what they have done through separating Egypt through the Camp [David] conspiracy, through destroying the interrelations in the eastern front region and through igniting the Iranian-Iraqi war. After all this, are we in need of more proofs on the American hostility and the American attempts to smash everything that is Arab whether in Libya, accused of being extremist, or the region of the Arab Peninsula, described as moderate (through destroying the oil power)?

"In an attempt to contain the latest differences, perhaps Kuwait must take an action similar to the one taken by H.H. the crown prince with regard to Libya and Tunisia to stop the crack and be together against the present multi-typed attack on brother Libya".

OMAN

MINISTER ON UNITED ARMS STRATEGY, GULF ISSUES

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[Text] Muscat, 11 Mar (QNA) -- Musif al-'Alawi, Omani minister of state for foreign affairs, has stressed the necessity of establishing a united strategy to arm the Gulf region's states. He said this is a necessary and logical requirement following the advanced steps achieved in military cooperation among the GCC states. He noted the presence of a certain view on the establishment of such a strategy.

In his first statement made since the assumption of his new post, the Omani minister of state for foreign affairs explained to the new Omani magazine YULIO [July] that Kuwait's purchase of arms from the Soviet Union does not contradict that strategy. He said Kuwait's decision to purchase arms from some socialist states is its own concern because it is a sovereign state and has the right to do what it deems suitable for the reinforcement of its army, which is necessarily our army too.

He reaffirmed that the defense of the region's states is the responsibility of its children alone. They alone, he added, have the right to do this and they are certainly able to do it. He indicated it is time, following the establishment of the GCC, to put forward a united strategy for the council's states on this matter.

Commenting on the sabotage plot recently discovered in Bahrain, Al'Alawi said what happened in Bahrain is clear and requires no further deduction or explanation. He added that this plot aimed to undermine the security of Bahrain and the region and that the GCC states have adopted the appropriate measures with regard to their support for fraternal Bahrain and with regard to preventing such a thing from recurring in the future.

Referring to the threats imposed on the Gulf, Al-'Alawi said: "We are hopeful as Arabs that the slogan of Arab security will be put into action. No one in the Gulf has said that a Zionist threat does not exist. Indeed, the Zionist threat is a threat to the entire Arab nation including the Gulf. The communist threat also is no longer hidden; it directly threatens our existence." Al-'Alawi indicated that it has become the right of small states to safeguard their independence following the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Answering a question on the Iraqi-Iranian war, Al-'Alawi expressed the hope that the war will end as its continuation does not serve the interests of anyone, not to mention that it is a threat to the region. He said his country supported all mediations made so far in connection with this issue.

The Omani minister stressed his country's support for any solution of plan guaranteeing the legitimate Arab rights as the Arabs want them to be. He noted the Sultanate of Oman's support for the Saudi peace plan as proof.

Commenting on whether his country intends to mediate between Egypt and the Arab states, he said the Sultanate of Oman was not asked to do this. He affirmed, however, that his country is always anxious to help resolve Arab differences. He said solidarity is a basic requirement for everyone and Egypt's role is known to everyone. He added: "We are anxious to maintain this role because of its importance."

Answering a question on the Fes Arab summit conference and the possibility of resuming it, Al-'Alawi said the Sultanate of Oman believes in Arab meetings and that a sound preparation guarantees the success of any Arab action. Hence, he added, we are with Arab unanimity and Arab action. He confidently stated that, in spite of everything, the Fes summit is one of the most important Arab summits.

SAUDI ARABIA

'UKAZ URGES LIBYA'S OUSTER FROM ARAB LEAGUE

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[Muhammad Husayn Zaydan article: "An Observer's Opinion: What Stand Should the Arabs Take Against Al-Qadhdhafi's Madness?"]

[Text] Every sincere Arab true to his principles, honor and land is asking: How long will Al-Qadhdhafi continue to be regarded as an Arab and how long will he continue to be an Arab League member under the pretext of Arabism?

I will be quite blunt: The Arab League is now paralyzed by what Al-Qadhdhafi does whenever it meets. He torpedoes the League's meetings and destroys its resolutions even before they are passed.

The Arab League should have taken him to task for his actions aimed at subverting the African Continent. The Arab League should have done that out of gratitude to Africa for its support for the Arabs. Since the League has done nothing of this sort, it is now urged to meet, whether Al-Qadhdhafi attends or not and whether or not some members support a majority decision against him. Such a decision could only be his expulsion from the League. In the past, at the Baghdad summit conference, the League expelled as-Sadat and his regime. The absence of Egypt from the Baghdad conference meant that the decision was not unanimous, but it was as much a pressing necessity as it was the Arab League's duty to expose those who reneged and deviated from its course and to expose the way they did it. The Arab League did what it did to Anwar as-Sadat and his regime because he prevented any war stand against Israel, not through the suspect peace but through the security he sought for his regime.

In view of the continuation of Al-Qadhdhafi's subversive crimes, shouldn't the Arab League, which expelled Egypt take a majority decision? If such a decision cannot be passed in accordance with the charter, then let it at least be a firm decision binding on all states in favor of Al-Qadhdhafi's expulsion. After all he has done, the league should not remain silent. He has allied himself with Mengistu and placed Sudan between the hammer and the anvil with him on one side and Mengistu on the other. He allowed Mengistu yet again to kill Arabs in Eritrea and he committed the crime of siding with Iran against Iraq. Had the Arab League expelled him because of what he once did to Tunisia, then that expulsion would have constituted a precedent on which the league could have based its expulsion of Egypt. Any leader who betrays his Arabism and wreaks havoc in the land becomes a cat's paw for some empire, be it the Kremlin empire or the White House empire. The League must say to him: No, you must get out because you have been bad.

Such a step would not only be a disciplinary move, it would be a move to restore its prestige and authority as an organization upholding its own values. An organization cannot be considered useful to its members unless it respects these members' peoples and enables them to do their duty.

Al-Qadhdhafi is not really mad or sick. He is a leader who has rebelled even against his own people. His actions have been a help to Israel, have encouraged polarization and have weakened the Arab nation.

The Arab League has not asked him why he allied himself with Mengistu. There is great anger when he pours out abuse and there is great anger when he commits acts of subversion in Sudan, but anger should not be restricted to just words. Action should be taken. It should not take the form of the severance of relations but of expulsion from the Arab League. Otherwise, the League will not be able to pass a resolution not approved by Al-Qadhdhafi.

RIYADH EXAMINES SOVIET STANCE ON LEBANON

LD111328 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 1130 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] A statement made by Soviet Deputy Culture Minister Yuriy Barabash, who is currently visiting Beirut, which said the Soviet Union follows with anxiety the situation in the south of Lebanon in the wake of the Israeli massing of troops in the south, contains many equivocations since the Soviet Union and Poland were the only states which abstained from voting when the UN Security Council decided at the end of February to increase the number of UN peacekeeping force from 6,000 to 7,000 at the request of the Lebanese Government.

It is common knowledge that the presence of the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon seeks to preserve security in the south and to assist the legitimate authority in having control over all its territories. Why then has the Soviet Union begun to express anxiety about the situation in the south of Lebanon, when it abstained from voting on the question of the security (?force) there? Political observers stress that these statements are just propaganda and an attempt to give the impression to the Arab states that Moscow stands by the Arab just causes when, in fact, it is exercising a role inconsistent with these stands behind the scenes within the framework of the game which the great powers play in the region.

The Soviet Union must know that the Arab states are quite capable of exposing its plan and its games and also of pulling the false mask off its face.

Reports by the information media have shown that the Soviet Union and its agents in Libya, North Korea and Israel are supplying arms to the Iranian regime in its war with Iraq. This confirms the Soviet Union's stand in more than one place against the Arab rights. This is also confirmed by Colonel al-Qadhdhafi's desire to be the Kremlin's obedient servant, carrying out all its instructions.

UAE

PAKISTAN'S HAQ STOPS OVER, MEETS SHAYKH ZAYID

GF112002 Manama WAKH in Arabic 1840 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Excerpt] Abu Dhabi, 11 Mar (WAKH) -- On his way home today, Pakistani President Ziaul Haq made a 90-minute stopover in Abu Dhabi.

During the visit, the Pakistani president held talks with UAE President His Highness Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan and informed him about the outcome of the mission of the Islamic Good Offices Committee which met this week to end the war between Iran and Iraq. The Pakistani president informed His Highness Shaykh Zayid about the results of the contacts he held with officials in Ankara, Damascus and Amman. The two sides also reviewed a number of international issues of common interest and discussed bilateral relations. They agreed to continue bilateral contacts to follow up the latest developments.

PDRY

MITTERRAND VISIT SHOWS 'PREJUDICE' TOWARD ISRAEL

EA112128 Aden Domestic Service in Arabic 1630 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The ADEN NEWS AGENCY has described French President Francois Mitterrand's visit to occupied Palestine and the statements he made during his visit as having expressed the French Government's prejudiced stand toward the Zionist enemy's aggressive policy against our Arab peoples.

The agency said in its commentary today that Mitterrand's visit to Israel came at the time when the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary onslaught against our Arab peoples and their nationalist progressive regimes was escalating and constituted support for the Israeli decision to annex the occupied Syrian Golan Heights which the international community condemned and considered a flagrant violation of international law.

The ADEN NEWS AGENCY commentary added that our masses were aware of President Mitterrand's disregard for Arab rights and nonrecognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people which led to the French stand to complicate any efforts toward the realization of a just settlement of the Palestinian issue.

The commentary appealed to world public opinion and the friendly French people for solidarity with Arab rights and support for the Palestinian peoples just struggle and called on the French people to reconsider their government's stand in order to strengthen Franco-Arab relations and work toward the consolidation of international security and peace.

PFLO RADIO COMMENTS ON QABUS VISIT TO EUROPE

EA111150 Aden Voice of PFLO in Arabic 1545 GMT 10 Mar 82

[Excerpts] Dear countrymen and brother listeners everywhere: After the agent Qabus implemented all the wishes and requests of his imperialist masters in the Oman arena by giving their aggressive military forces military bases on Omani territory, in addition to the facilities that these forces enjoy in numerous Omani air and sea ports and following the treasonous agreement which the agent regime of Muscat signed with the United States and Britain, after all this, the agent Qabus left to convalesce and relax in Switzerland and other European countries, a trip which he finally will conclude with a visit to the colonialist state of Great Britain -- whose sons run all political, military, economic, social and cultural affairs of Oman.

Certainly this visit to unspecified countries announced in Muscat is not really intended for recreation, contrary to the impression given by the statement. Rather, in addition to recreation, it includes other issues concerning the imperialist policy in the Arabian Gulf region and the Middle East because the Qabus regime represents one of the pivots in the region of the reactionary forces that work according to what suits the imperialist policy without fear or hesitation, even if that goes along a line contrary to the interest of the Omani people and the other peoples of the region.

Events in the past have proved the truth of this tendency which, in itself, represents a national betrayal of the masses of our Omani people and our Arab nation. The Qabus regime, which has slipped away from the masses in the Omani arena, is trying to achieve something in the Arab arena with the slogan: "Contradict and you become an important person." At a time when the fire of the struggle in the Arab arena has intensified against the imperialist forces led by U.S. imperialism, the agent regime of Muscat is strengthening its relations with America in a direction contrary to the aspirations of the Arab nation.

The destiny of this agent regime can only be that of previous agents such as the shah, Somoza, As-Sadat and dozens of others. The dream that is enticing Qabus and his entourage will never be fulfilled as long as the sons of our Omani homeland yearn for freedom, democracy and national sovereignty and are struggling for these by all possible means. The road of traitors and agents is known to all. It means being crushed under the feet of the masses because whoever sells the territory of his homeland and the sovereignty of the masses of his people will certainly be punished by execution at the hand of the people's masses.

YAR

SALIH MAKES STATEMENT ON DEPARTURE FOR RIYADH

JN091538 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 9 Mar 82

[Excerpts] Brother Col 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, left San'a' for Riyadh at 0930 today.

The president made a statement to the SABA' NEWS AGENCY in which he said: Our visit to Saudi Arabia is within the framework of our recent visits to fraternal Arab states with the aim of completing discussions and exchanging views on bilateral issues which are of interest to us and to the officials in [words indistinct] and the Arab and international issues within a pan-Arab revision of the new developments and their effects on our pan-Arab interest and the fateful causes of our nation so as to reach a unified Arab stand and face all forms of challegnes to our Arab nation and the plots against us and against our central cause, the cause of the Palestinian Arab people and their legitimate rights to return, to self-determination and to establish their independent national state on the dear soil of Palestine.

The president said: Undoubtedly, when we meet with the brother officials in Saudi Arabia headed by His Majesty King Khalid and His Highness Prince Fahd, our talks will center on the means and steps to strengthen the intimate and distinctive relations between our two neighborly and fraternal states and the means of promoting cooperation and coordination in all fields in the service of our people, their aspirations for developments and their pan-Arab aims and one destiny.

Concluding his statement, the president said: In the YAR, we affirm the importance of serious Arab moves by the Arab leaders toward meeting each other, particularly at this stage when the enemies are attempting to plot against the entire Arab nation, fish in muddy waters and exploit Arab disunity and differences which erupt for the simpliest reasons. We must avoid these differences. We and our brothers in Saudi Arabia will cooperate toward purifying the Arab atmosphere and restoring Arab solidarity.

PRESIDENT SALIH RECEIVES DPRK OFFICIAL 8 MAR

JN081623 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 8 Mar 82

[Text] Brother Col 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, received in his office this afternoon Kong Chin-Tae, deputy chairman of the DPRK's State Administration Council, who is currently visiting the YAR. The DPRK official gave the brother leader a letter from DPRK President Kim Il-Song. The SABA' NEWS AGENCY correspondent has learned that the letter deals with bilateral relations and means of promoting them and the two countries' identical stands in supporting the Nonaligned Movement.

The brother leader expressed to the deputy chairman of the State Council Administration his satisfaction with relations between the two countries in the various fields of fruitful and constructive cooperation. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister 'Abd al-Karim al-Iryani; Dr Hasan Makki, deputy prime minister for financial and economic affairs; and the DPRK ambassador to YAR.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES SRI LANKAN FOREIGN MINISTER

JN081550 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 8 Mar 82

[Text] President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih received at the Prime Ministry this afternoon Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Abdul Carder Shahul Hameed, who is participating in the volunteers' conference currently held in San'a'.

The two sides discussed bilateral relations in the political, economic and trade fields. The prime minister, the deputy prime minister for financial and economic affairs and the foreign minister attended the meeting.

PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON ASSEMBLY REMARKS

NC092103 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 9 Mar 82

[Text] Commenting on the People's Assembly members remarks on and discussion of the government's statement of policy which he delivered on 20 February, Prime Minister Dr Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din asserted that the continuation of the democratic march and the nationalist stance of each citizen regardless of party affiliation are all in the same framework and the same prayer niche, which is Egypt. He added that there is agreement among the assembly's members that our foreign policy is proceeding along the right course and path. It has brought us to the realization of a long sought goal on 25 April, the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

The prime minister emphasized that the main pillar in our foreign policy is nonalignment, a matter which confirms the liberation of the Egyptian will and the decision not to enter into any alliances or permit foreign bases [in Egypt].

The prime minister stressed that Egypt has scored great victories on the African level and that its actions had their effect on the continent and on the African peoples.

Concerning economic issues, he explained that the government's policy in this regard centers on the preparation of a clear strategy for economic development, benefitting from the tremendous manpower wealth which we possess and on comprehensive and integrated planning of the public, private and cooperative sectors.

ASSEMBLY APPROVES ADDITIONAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

NC102021 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 10 Mar 82

[From the newsreel program]

[Text] At its session today under the chairmanship of Assembly Speaker Dr Sufi Abu Talib, the People's Assembly approved a bill allocating approximately 880 million more pounds in the current fiscal budget. Al-'Azab at-Tayyib at-Tahir reports from the People's Assembly:

[Begin recording] There were heated discussions on this request. All factions within the assembly were involved. Despite the fact that the assembly finally approved the request unanimously, there were reservations to it. The reservations were made by a large number of National Democratic Party, and the opposition party deputies who feared a rise in prices and the possible inflationary effects of this measure. However the ministers of the economic group emphasized in their replies that the increase in prices will not be sudden or dreadful because most of this allocation will be directed toward production and investment.

Economy Minister Dr Fu'ad Hashim explained that what prompted this additional allocation is the fact that the current budget was not balanced and there was no surplus in it, resulting in more investments than revenues. [Deputy prime minister] Fikri Makram 'Ubayd emphasized that extraordinary conditions and external instability prompted this measure. In order that the government may not be compelled to resort to such a measure again, many members demanded that there be sufficient guarantees that the next budget not depend on hypothetical matters and must benefit from the surplus carried forward from previous budgets, limit the government and public outward appearance expenditure [al-infaq al-mazhari], respect the sanctity of figures and fight corruption and tax evasion. [end recording]

ABU TALIB COMMENTS ON ISLAMIC LAW APPLICATION

NC112104 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] People's Assembly Speaker Dr Sufi Abu Talib has stated that the assembly, in its various committees, has made good progress in the application of Islamic canonical law and in the reversion of the laws to their original jurisprudence.

At a seminar held at Cairo University today, his excellency emphasized that the codification of Islamic canonical law is necessary and that there should be no fear of applying this Islamic canonical law in societies that have non-Muslim minorities because Islamic civilization was established by Muslims and non-Muslims and Islamic canonical law contains a fundamental principle -- equality in rights and duties.

EGYPT, LIBERIA ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT ON TALKS

NC111936 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1735 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Cairo, 11 Mar (MENA) -- Liberia has reasserted its full support for Egypt's efforts to establish a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

A joint Egyptian-Liberian statement issued tonight following the conclusion of the discussions which Liberian Foreign Minister Henry Boimah Fahnbulleh held in Cairo said that the Egyptian side explained recent developments in the Middle East and the role which Egypt is playing in establishing a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East. The Egyptian side explained that it welcomes any initiatives which would contribute to this.

The statement added that the Egyptian side stressed that out of its desire to establish the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, Egypt is determined to continue the current autonomy negotiations.

In the statement, Egypt and Liberia emphasized the depth of the historical relations between the two fraternal peoples and countries and their desire to bolster bilateral relations in various political, economic and cultural areas and activate technical cooperation, particularly through the Egyptian fund for technical cooperation with Africa.

There was an exchange of views during their discussions on various African and international affairs of common interest.

Egypt and Liberia stressed their full and firm support for the principles of the UN Charter and the OAU, particularly those related to the need to safeguard the solidarity among peoples, establish world security and stability, and the states' sovereignty over their territories. The two states explained the importance of exerting every effort to establish security and peace in Africa so as to help create the appropriate circumstances for the development and progress of the African states and the prosperity of their peoples.

Egypt and Liberia expressed their deep concern and regret over the recent developments which took place during the meetings of the 38th session of the OAU foreign ministers council, which was recently held in Addis Ababa, which subjected the OAU to division, threatening African solidarity and the continent's security and safety. The two sides emphasized their determination to exert every effort to contain the danger threatening the OAU. They also stressed their intention to work toward safeguarding African unity and solidarity. Concerning the Namibian problem, Egypt and Liberia stressed the need to implement UN resolution 735, which is the only basis for solving the problem. The statement says the two states have decided to increase their support for SWAPO, which works for the independence of Namibia.

In the joint statement, the two sides highlighted their interest in the Nonaligned Movement and the need to strengthen it and safeguard its unity. They stressed the importance of the role of Africa and the African states in achieving this.

The two sides consider that dialogue and cooperation between the South and the South have become of utmost importance as a precondition for the developing states to strengthen their positions in the North-South dialogue.

A final session of discussions was held at the Foreign Ministry last night between Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Butrus Ghali and the Liberian foreign minister. The joint statement was signed at this session after which the two ministers signed three joint agreements.

The first agreement concerns the trade exchanges between the two countries. The second agreement pertains to economic and technical cooperation between Egypt and Liberia, and the third agreement related to the executive program of the cultural and scientific cooperation agreement during the period 1982-1984.

Foreign Minister Departs

NC120814 Cairo MENA in English 0755 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] Cairo, 12 Mar (MENA) -- The Liberian foreign minister today wound up a four-day visit to Egypt and left for Switzerland following talks with Egyptian officials on Mideast developments, African issues and on ways and means to bolster relations between the two countries.

Liberia's minister concluded three agreements during this visit covering trade exchange and economic cooperation with Egypt as well as cultural and scientific cooperation between the two countries.

A joint communique was issued yesterday on the minister's visit and talks in Egypt affirming Liberia's unreserved support for Egyptian efforts for maintaining a just, overall and lasting peace in the Middle East.

BOTSWANA DEFENSE MINISTER ARRIVES FOR TALKS

NC111129 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Excerpt] Botswana Defense Minister Major General (Murasi) [name and title as heard] arrived in Cairo today on a week-long visit to Egypt at the invitation of [defense minister] Lt Gen Muhammad 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah.

MINISTER DISCUSSED TRADE WITH INDONESIAN ENVOY

NC101618 Cairo MENA in English 1459 GMT 10 Mar 82

[Text] Cairo, 10 Mar (MENA) -- Minister of Economy and Trade Dr Hashim Fu'ad Amad conferred toddy with the Indonesian ambassador here on economic and trade ties between their two countries.

They also agreed on furthering the use of the maritime line which was established late in 1981 to cater for trade between Egypt and Indonesia.

MAY INTERVIEWS MINISTER OF STATE BUTRUS GHALI

PM101257 Cairo MAY in Arabic 8 Mar 82 p 6

[Interview granted by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Butrus Ghali to Hidayat 'Abd an-Nabi in Cairo -- date not given]

[Excerpts] The countdown for the full restoration of Sinai has begun and in light of this national historical event MAY held a dialogue with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Butrus Ghali who participated in the peace process from its beginning in November 1977.

[Question] How do you view the post-26 April period and do you expect major and substantial changes?

[Answer] The completion of Israeli withdrawal from Sinai on 26 April, that is, in about 50 days, is an important event and is bound to have a deep impact on the Middle East situation.

The completion of the Israeli withdrawal and of the restoration to Egypt of its national territory would convince the Arab countries that negotiations could lead to restoration of rights and that dialogue could be fruitful. They would realize that 5 years of positive stands and Egyptian courage have made it possible to achieve what could not be achieved in 30 years of negative stands by the Arab countries, including Egypt.

The completion of withdrawal from Sinai would also confirm what we said from the beginning, that what we are aiming at is not a unilateral peace or unilateral agreement with Israel. We aim to achieve comprehensive peace and to solve the problems of the Palestinians, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan with Israel.

Therefore, I expect a positive development in the Arab stands not only toward Egypt but also toward the peace process.

[Question] What would be the effect of this event on Israel?

[Answer] For more than 30 years I have studied Israel, the history of Israel and the philosophy on which the Zionist movement was established since Theodor Herzel as well as the developments that influenced it. During the past 5 years, since I took part in Presidents as-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in November 1977, and up to today I have been able to meet with a large number of Israelis -- government officials, journalists, university professors, parliamentarians, businessmen and ordinary people. I have also met with hundreds of leaders of Jewish communities in various parts of the world, in the United States, Latin America, and Europe. As a result I have gained knowledge of Jewish thinking which I could not have gained through studies and research.

I can say today that I am strongly convinced that the completion of the Israeli withdrawal and the conclusion of the first stage of the peace process with the completion of this withdrawal while both Egypt and Israel respect their pledges and commitments under the peace agreement is bound to influence Jewish thinking. The success of the first step would provide the Jewish people with material evidence that peace is possible, that security is possible and that the annexation of lands and the building of fortifications is not the way to security.

I did not study psychology but I am quite certain that the Masada complex from which the Jewish people have been suffering since 73 AD will end after the Israelis realize that peace is not an impossible dream but an actual fact.

The change will be toward greater enthusiasm to work for a comprehensive peace in order to benefit from the momentum of the success of the first stage of peace. After 26 April Egypt will double its efforts in order to bring about the success of the autonomy talks and reach a satisfactory solution for the Palestine problem as well as in order to convince the rest of the Arab countries of the need to join the peace process.

What we say today will be the same as what we will be saying on 27 April. We are today committed to principled stands with regards to several issues such as the question of Jerusalem, the settlements, and the right to self-determination, which upsets the Israeli leadership. But is this not categorical evidence that we are not deceiving or maneuvering and that our stand before the withdrawal is the same as it will be after its completion?

The peace process is continuing and there is no going back on it. The Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement must be respected and precisely implemented by both sides. His excellency the president's directions in this regard are quite clear.

[Question] Does this mean that there will be an Egyptian-Arab rapprochement?

[Answer] Egypt has announced that it welcomes the restoration of friendly relations and cooperation with the Arab countries on the basis of full respect for our commitments under the peace treaty and that Egypt is an Arab country. This is a historical and geographical fact and nothing can change it.

The Arab peoples and the Arab conscience will not be affected by disagreements between governments. Therefore the natural situation is that good relations and cooperation should exist between the Arab countries and Egypt. An objective analysis of things indicates that the establishment of such relations would serve the cause of peace in the Middle East. Therefore, there is nothing to cause concern for Israel because comprehensive peace is in the interest of Israel just as it is in the interest of the Arab peoples.

[Question] Does this include the PLO? Is it possible, despite Israel's stands and the stands of the PLO leadership, that the PLO will join the peace process one day?

[Answer] Naturally Egypt is interested in contacts and consultations with the Palestinian leadership because we are convinced that there can be no peace in the Middle East without solving the Palestine problem in a manner acceptable to the Palestinian people. Israel must realize that it cannot choose the Palestinian party it wants to negotiate with and that it is not up to it to define who represents the Palestinian people. Is it conceivable that the Palestinians would say that they do not wish to negotiate with the Likud Party and they would like to talk to another party? Of course not.

With regard to the Palestinians, there is no doubt that inside the PLO there are rational nationalist leaders who are capable of taking the difficult road to just peace; leaders that are capable of realizing that the Palestinian people's interest must be put above all other considerations and that the PLO is there to serve this people and nothing else.

[Question] What effect do you expect the completion of Israeli withdrawal from the Egyptian territory to have on Egypt's international role, Egypt's role in Africa, and Egypt's role in the Nonaligned Movement?

[Answer] The completion of the stage of fully restoring our national territory will enable us to devote our efforts to the battle of building and construction. This was what President Mubarak announced; he made it clear that he gives priority to the building of Egypt.

I would like to point out that the foreign policy or the international status of any state is by necessity a reflection of the factors of strength or weakness internally. Therefore, a strong Egypt will be able to restore its leading role in the various international fields and will be able to be an influential factor in international relations.

PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZIAUL HAQ ARRIVES IN AMMAN

JN111030 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 1000 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Excerpt] Pakistani President Mohammad Ziaul Haq arrived in Amman this morning on a brief visit to Jordan for talks with His Majesty King Husayn and senior officials on the most important joint issues and bilateral relations.

His Majesty King Husayn led the delegation that received the guest.

Zia Holds Talks, Departs

JN111410 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The Pakistani and Jordanian sides headed by His Majesty King Husayn and His Excellency Mohammad Ziaul Haq held a 2-hour meeting at the Royal Hashemite Court this morning. They discussed the Palestinian issue and means to achieve a unified stand to confront the challenges and dangers faced by the Arab and Islamic worlds.

His excellency the Pakistani president reviewed the Good Office Committee's efforts concerning the dispute between Iraq and Iran. In this respect, His Majesty King Husayn asserted Jordan's principled and firm stand on Arab rights and his support for Iraq in its justified war to restore its legitimate pan-Arab and national rights. His majesty also expressed hope that the efforts of the Islamic Good Office Committee will put an end to the bloodshed and restore peace between the two countries according to the principle of good neighborly relations and international norms and laws.

The two sides also reviewed relations among Islamic nations, bilateral relations between the two countries and the means of promoting joint cooperation.

The Jordanian side was comprised of Crown Prince Hasan; Prime Minister Mudar Badran; Ahmad al-Lawzi, chief of the Royal Hashemite Court; Court Minister 'Amir Khammash; Staff Lt Gen ash-Sharif Zayd Ibn Shakir, commander in chief of the armed forces; and Foreign Minister Marwan al-Qasim.

The Pakistani side was comprised of Shahnawaz, Foreign Ministry secretary general; Ja'far al-Islam, Foreign Ministry assistant secretary; Shaharyar Mohammad Khan, the Pakistani ambassador in Amman; and Zahid Sayyid, Foreign Ministry under secretary.

Pakistani President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and his accompanying delegation left Amman this afternoon. The president was accorded an official sendoff at Amman airport by His Majesty King Husayn, Crown Prince Hasan, and their excellencies: the prime minister, the Senate president, the chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, the National Consultative Council speaker, the court minister, the chief chamberlain, ministers, senior civilian and military officials and doyen of the diplomatic corps in Amman and the Pakistani ambassador in Amman.

AMMAN TV REPORTS SHARON REACTION TO 'WARNING'

JN101837 Amman Domestic Television Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 10 Mar 82

[Text] Israeli television this evening carried a statement by Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon in which he said he takes a very grave view of the Jordanian threats to impose the death penalty on the heads and members of the village leagues. Sharon claimed that Israel defends the Arab inhabitants in what he termed Judaea and Samaria just as it defends all inhabitants living in what he termed Eretz Yisra'el.

Sharon said the statement of the Jordanian prime minister places Jordan in the same line as the Palestinian organizations. He warned that if the Jordanian Government tries to carry out its threats, Israel will treat it like it treats the Palestinian organizations.

It is noteworthy that Sharon insisted on referring to the West Bank as Judaea and Samaria which confirms Israeli plans to complete the actual annexation of the West Bank and to use the village leagues in carrying out this expansionist settlement plan.

AD-DUSTUR ON VILLAGE LEAGUES, ISRAELI REACTION

JN110928 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 11 Mar 82

[From the press review]

[Text] Under the headline "Israeli Support for the Village Leagues," AD-DUSTUR says: The angry Israeli reactions to Jordan's statement on the village leagues plot and the disclosure of this plot's serious political dimensions reflect the great importance Israel attaches to these suspect organizations in achieving its objectives -- tightening its grip over the Palestinian land and displacing its legitimate owners.

The Israeli officials feel that the Jordanian statement has destroyed all the hopes pinned on the village leagues because it has exposed these leagues' strong link with Israel's policy of expansion and establishment of settlements.

The statement has also revealed that these leagues are only a means to exploit the deluded and misled elements in order to peddle the autonomy plot. Menahem Begin has asserted more than once that autonomy is an issue of inhabitants and not of territory, which is, in his opinion, liberated Israeli territory.

AD-DUSTUR adds: The Arab and Palestinian welcome which received this statement asserts that it is not a Jordanian stand but a pan-Arab one stemming from the people's and the leadership's conscience and that Jordan, by adopting this stand, expresses the will of the Arab nation by confronting this plot which uses the village leagues as a cover for peddling Israel's objectives in dominating all Palestinian soil. The Jordanian statement has drawn the attention of our struggling steadfast people in the West Bank against getting involved in this cunning game. It is also a warning for those who have been deceived by the false allegations that these leagues are aimed at rendering services and helping villagers, unaware of the grave role they are playing in serving the Israeli policy and losing Palestinian land forever.

We do not want to reply to Sharon's threats because we know his stands and his desire for expansion. We do not want to waste time answering those involved in the plot because the aim is to prevent the plot from penetrating our people's ranks in the occupied land. This is why it is incumbent upon our kinfolk in the occupied areas to be alert to the Israeli trap and to work through their well-known heroism, love for their country and loyalty to their homeland and nation, in order to abort all the enemy's plans, especially the suspect village league organizations.

Those who are desperate are called on to derive hope from the heroic uprisings which the occupied lands are daily witnessing and to learn bravery from the youths who are confronting the occupation authorities with stones and sticks in Ramallah, Al-Birah, Jerusalem, Hebron, Nabulus, Bethlehem and the Ad-Duhaysah, Al-Am'ari and Al-Jalazun camps, as well as from the schoolgirls who are providing splendid examples of heroism and confrontation of the occupation soldiers and enemy bullets and bombs.

AD-DUSTUR concludes: By its move to foil the village league plot Jordan expresses the will of the Arab nation and defends this nation and its future. Jordan wants an independent Palestinian state on its western borders and not an agent enclave under Zionist domination or an extension of expansionist Israel.

BUTRUS SEES NO 'FIXED' U.S. POLICY ON MIDEAST

NC112035 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1630 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Foreign and Expatriates Affairs Minister Fu'ad Butrus has stated that U.S. policy at present is confined to preventing an explosion and passing the 25 April date in a way which will lead to the implementation of what has been agreed upon at Camp David. He added: I do not believe they [the Americans] have a fixed policy toward the Middle East other than this.

Minister Butrus commented thus on the results of the discussions of U.S. envoy Philip Habib with Lebanese officials. The foreign minister also said: Regarding Lebanon, they support its independence and political and geographical unity. I think the translation of this principle into practice in which more than one Arab and foreign state believes calls for the provision of certain conditions and atmosphere at home and abroad.

NATIONALIST MOVEMENT CONDEMNS HABIB MISSION

JN111750 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in English 1500 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Last night the Central Political Council of the Lebanese National Movement held its weekly meeting and strongly condemned the Habib visit.

The Central Political Council issued a communique which affirmed the principal objective of Habib's mission is political blackmail which serves the interests of Israel and the Phalangists and in turn weakens the position of the Lebanese National Movement, the PLO and Syria. This blackmail is in line with the general U.S. attack against Arab forces of steadfastness and confrontation.

The communique also noted that obstructing the action of the Arab Followup Committee stems from the continued collaboration between Israel and the Phalangists which had markedly increased after the repeated meetings between Zionist war minister Sharon and Bashir al-Jumayyil.

The committee's work has been sabotaged, the communique added, so that it will not be able to observe what goes on in the Lebanese ports and shores which would necessarily bring to the fore Israeli founded collaboration.

The third major point in the communique said that Habib hoped that through the planting of explosions in the national areas, fear would spread and force the national Lebanese-Palestinian-Syrian alliance to offer concessions represented in the reduction in size of the fighting Palestinian and Lebanese national forces in the south. There is likewise an insidious idscussion of a request to withdraw the ADF from Lebanon, first from Beirut, so that the separated Lebanese Army units could be planted in such positions as would serve the interests of Israel, the U.S. and the Phalangists.

U.S. HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LEBANON CEASE-FIRE

PM111335 Beirut AN-NAHAR in Arabic 9 Mar 82 p 1

[Michel Abu Jawday Editorial: "The Adviser's Advice and the Decisionmakers"]

[Text] The problem with the Americans continues and is becoming more complicated. They either do not know or do not want to know the truth. At best they get to know part of the truth too late. U.S. advisers, like U.S. presidents, discover part of the truth after they leave the White House, in other words after leaving their decisionmaking and effective positions. Their words are regarded as some kind of wishful thinking, not words for the White House to reckon with.

Former presidential National Security Adviser Brzezinski believes the United States should talk to the PLO to "strengthen the relatively moderate elements" in the region and isolate the extremists who are supported by the Soviet Union. This is not the first time Brzezinski has expressed such an opinion while out of office. When he was in a position to make decisions, he, like other U.S. officials, wagered on Israel to destroy the PLO.

The present national security adviser does not believe the United States should talk to the PLO. Had there been such an intention it would have been possible to develop the cease-fire in the south. The cease-fire there is shaky and cannot be anything but shaky, even if it holds for a few more months. It is always threatened. If the cease-fire breaks down, the United States will be responsible, even if the warring parties are the ones to actually violate it. The United States is trying to ensure the continuation of the cease-fire but at the same time it is following Israeli policy on the Palestine question. It wants the cease-fire to hold but it refuses to take a single step toward the Palestinians and refuses to recognize the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The cease-fire cannot be developed into something more unless the United States adopts a new position, not on the question of Palestinian rights but on the general conflict in the region. Continued U.S. intransigence on this matter will make it possible for Israel to try to bring ruin to the area again.

The United States is not only refusing to talk to the PLO, it is trying to achieve by political means what is difficult for Israel to achieve by military means. The United States is trying to imply that Israel must not be provoked, and Israel is saying it will fight if provoked. The two lines evidently complement one another and the aim is clearly to impose a cease-fire in places other than the south. The PLO rejects this. It cannot accept it. This is why the cease-fire is shaky and why the U.S. administration bears the prime responsibility for this situation.

The United States is jeopardizing the cease-fire itself because it relies on the Israeli military arm to impose the United States as a mediator, but it is a mediator that lacks even the minimum degree of neutrality. A mediator that does not enjoy the confidence of the parties cannot accomplish anything except by applying the threat of the Israeli military arm. This U.S.-Israeli game could lead to the conviction that the collapse of the cease-fire might be less dangerous than its continuation. Of course, we must note here that under the present Arab circumstances a collapse of the cease-fire would indeed be serious.

It is not a matter of moderates and extremists in the area. It is above all a question of recognizing the Palestinian people's right to an independent state and of acknowledging that the PLO does represent the Palestinians at home and abroad.

It is difficult to see a positive U.S. stance emerging on this issue. There is no indication that the Reagan administration is prepared to accept the facts which are confirmed daily in the region. There is no sign that the U.S. attitude will depart from the Camp David accords after the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai at least in context and spirit.

So, the U.S.-Israeli game continues. Sharon claims that Lebanon has become a center for "international terrorism" and that PLO threats are the reason why nobody in the West Bank and Gaza is prepared to sit down and negotiate. The Reagan administration should regard this [refusal to negotiate] as evidence not of PLO terrorism but of the fact that it represents the people.

At any rate, it is difficult to achieve peace in this era of Begin, Reagan and Arab fragmentation.

AL-ASAD RECEIVES USSR AIR FORCE COMMANDER

JN121231 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] President Hafiz al-Asad received at 1100 today Marshal Kutakhov, commander in chief of the USSR Air Force and deputy minister of defense.

Maj Gen Subhi Hadad, commander of the Syrian Air Force and air defense, and Vladimir Yukhin, USSR ambassador in Damascus, attended the meeting.

IRAQI BA'THISTS CABLE SUPPORT TO AL-ASAD

JN111929 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] President Hafiz al-Asad has received the following cable from the Iraqi Command of the Ba'th Party:

Comrade struggler Hafiz al-Asad, secretary general of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party: The masses of our great party in Iraq, struggling alongside the revolutionary and progressive forces and groups to overthrow the fascist and agent regime led by tyrant and hangman Saddam Husayn, strongly condemn this regime's treasonous practices of terror against the steadfastness and revolution of Syria, and its despicable and inhuman deeds of destruction and sabotage aimed at innocent people of struggling Syria.

This regime was not satisfied with dragging Iraq into an unjust war against the Iranian revolution -- a war that has no national or pan-Arab aim but contributes toward taking our Iraqi people, forces and resources away from our main battle against Zionism and imperialism -- but has begun to practice a role of treason on behalf of its imperialist, reactionary and Zionist masters in an attempt to weaken the steadfastness of Syria under your courageous leadership through unlimited support for the agent Muslim Brotherhood gang which it supplies and trains and through direct involvement, via certain hirelings, in bombing incidents in Syrian cities and in overt plotting.

In the name of the strugglers of our Ba'th Party in Iraq who are courageously challenging all kinds of oppression and terror and who are struggling within the framework of the democratic national and patriotic front, we pledge our determination to go hand in hand with you on the path of struggle so as to overthrow this criminal regime and so that our Iraqi people and army might take its role alongside their Syrian brothers confronting the fierce imperialist-Zionist-reactionary offensive against our region and nation and emerging victorious. Traitor Saddam will meet his inevitable fate at the hands of the struggling masses in heroic Iraq. Glory to our mission.

DEFECTOR TO IRAQ GIVES HIMSELF UP WITH CAR BOMB

JN120651 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 0415 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] Last night Syrian Arab television interviewed a Syrian citizen named Farhan Dabbash az-Zuba'. The killers' regime in Baghdad tried to recruit him to blow up a car in Damascus, taking advantage of his need for money and his defection from Syria to Iraq. He explained how the authorities of butcher Saddam had trained him in one of the sabotage centers supervised by Sab'awi at-Tikriti, a brother of Iraq's hangman Saddam Husayn.

They instructed him to detonate a car bomb, but he refused to sell himself to the Devil or take part in the crimes of murder being perpetrated by the Iraqi regime against our people. Therefore, he gave himself up to the nearest police station after his arrival in Syria. He also handed over the car, which contained 250-300 kg of explosives scheduled to go off in front of the General Customs building in Damascus.

DAMASCUS TELEVISION INTERVIEWS 'IRAQI CRIMINALS'

JN102156 [Editorial Report] Damascus Domestic Television Service in Arabic at 1940 GMT on 10 March carries a 40-minute videotape of an "interview" with what the television announcer describes as "two criminals of Iraqi nationality sent by the murderous regime in Baghdad with a boobytrapped car to be set off in one of the streets of Damascus." The subjects respond to direct questions from an unseen interviewer, sometimes simply with the word "yes" or "no."

The first Iraqi introduces himself as Dhannun Hasan ash-Shayyal born in 1922 in Mosul. Unemployed when Ibrahim al-'Atallah, "a man with contacts in Iraqi Government circles," approached him about the assignment in Damascus, Ash-Shayyal says he agreed to it but also suggested enlisting his brother, Rasim.

Ash-Shayyal says that a few days later Al-'Atallah informed them that "the officials had approved the assignment" and took them to Baghdad to meet with "Sab'awi, a brother of Saddam Husayn on his mother's side," who was in charge of the Syrian bureau. Ash-Shayyal admits that his brother, Rasim, received training in explosives and that he and his brother were each given 5,000 Syrian pounds and promised more later for setting off a boobytrapped car in "any government establishment in Damascus." Ash-Shayyal then tells the story of their trip to Syria and how they were detained in the Syrian border town of Al-Bukamal.

The second Iraqi introduces himself as Rasim Ibrahim Yusuf of Mosul, confirmes Ash-Shayyal's story and also admits his training in explosives, using a 1979 Volvo which was to figure in the Damascus assignment.

Damascus television shows closeups of a Volvo, Syrian licence number 44-3275, carrying explosives and timing devices. According to the announcer, "the two criminals and the car were detained the day before yesterday."

ATH-THAWRAH RAPS IRAQ, JORDAN FOR ANTI-IRAN WAR

JN121005 Damascus SANA in Arabic 0845 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] Damascus, 12 Mar (SANA) -- ATH-THAWRAH says: The war waged by Saddam Husayn's regime against the Iranian revolution is a main part of the imperialist-Zionist onslaught to dominate the Arab region and to liquidate the Palestinian issue.

In today's commentary, the paper asserted that the attempt to make this war a replacement for the Arab-Israeli dispute and to further fan the flames represents the most dangerous part of this war.

ATH-THAWRAH says: The Jordanian regime's call to volunteer in Saddam's war is aimed at pouring oil on the fire so that it will become larger and devour more victims, because what is important for the regimes in Amman and Baghdad is to have a weak and confused Iranian revolution and to kill more Iraqis.

ATH-THAWRAH adds: The thing that produces a feeling of bitterness and confirms the Jordanian regime's connection with the aggressive plans against the Arab nation is that this regime is evading the battle with the Zionist enemy by using its forces to safeguard the security of the Zionist occupation forces on the longest front with the enemy and by trying to deceive the Arabs by announcing that the road leading to the liberation of Jerusalem leads through Tehran.

The paper concludes: The Arab masses, which realize the extent of the Jordanian and Iraqi regimes' agentry, will not let these two regimes continue the game of plotting. These masses are capable of taking to task those who tamper with their cause and those who plot against their struggle.

COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT 11 MAR

JN112152 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 2115 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The Syrian Communist Party Central Committee has praised Syria's steadfast stand in the face of the U.S. imperialist, Zionist and reactionary plots aimed at bringing Syria to its knees and forcing it to participate in capitulatory settlements. This came in a statement issued today by the party's Central Committee. The statement praised the strong Syrian answer to the Zionist enemy's decision to annex the occupied Syrian Golan Heights and the great Syrian victory at the United Nations manifested by the political masterstroke directed at the United States and Israel. The statement denounced the internal and external plots aimed at Syria and implemented by the Muslim Brotherhood gang with the support of U.S. imperialism and the Iraqi and Jordanian regimes.

The party's Central Committee condemned the criminal acts perpetrated by the Muslim Brotherhood agent gang in the city of Hamah. These acts led to the fall of innocent victims and great material loss. Nobody escaped their heinous deeds including women and children.

The committee praised Syria's steadfastness in rejecting Israel's decision to annex the Syrian Arab Golan Heights, and Syria's great success at the United Nations which condemned the annexation and demanded economic and political sanctions against Israel as a result of its attitude, and which also condemned the United States for support to Israel and blocking the UN Security Council's resolution against Israel.

Concluding its statement, the committee called on the heroic Syrian people and on national and pan-Arab forces to double their vigilance and awareness and to escalate the struggle against the Muslim Bortherhood gang in order to foil their plots and save the masses from their crimes and sabotage activities.

JORDANIAN STUDENTS CABLE SUPPORT FOR AL-ASAD

JN111840 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The seventh conference of the National Union of Jordanian Students, Syrian branch, has affirmed support for the just struggle of Syria under the leadership of the Ba'th Party and its secretary general Hafiz al-Asad against the imperialist and Zionist plots and the agent Muslim Brotherhood criminal gang. This came in a cable sent to President Hafiz al-Asad by the conference at the conclusion of its meetings. The conference denounced the Iraqi and Jordanian regimes for supporting the agent Muslim Brotherhood members inside Syria in their desperate attempt to defeat our masses which struggle against imperialism, Zionism and agents.

The conference strongly condemned the criminal deeds of the Muslim Brotherhood gang which carries out the plans of the Baghdad and Amman rulers. The students also condemned the Jordanian Government's measures against their colleagues in Al-Yarmuk University in the summer of 1981 for their declaration of solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people against the Zionist aggression. The conference asked the Jordanian regime to immediately release all students detained in Jordanian jails, to reinstate those expelled so they might resume studies, to stop harrassing students in Jordanian schools, colleges and universities and to recognize the National Union of Jordanian Students as the Jordanian students representative.

CSSR'S INDRA HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE 11 MAR

JN111428 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Alois Indra, CSSR Federal Assembly chairman, has stressed his country's support for Syria's just struggle under the leadership of struggler leader Hafiz al-Asad against Israeli aggression, which is supported by U.S. imperialism.

At a press conference this morning in SANA's conference hall attended by members of the visiting delegation, representatives of the local press, radio and television and correspondents of Arab and foreign news agencies in Damascus, Indra said the talks he held in Syria were constructive and aim at consolidating the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two friendly countries in all fields.

In reply to a question on the CSSR's stand on the serious situation in the Middle East and Israel's aggressive policy against the Arab countries, Indra stressed his country's support for Arab rights, which are based on just and lasting peace in the region. He said the CSSR will not be indifferent to the dangerous situation in the Middle East. Indra stressed his country's support for Syria's heroic steadfastness and struggle for the sake of achieving rights, justice, peace and for UN resolutions calling for Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and guaranteeing the Arab Palestinian people's right to establish an independent state on its national soil.

More on Remarks, Departure

JN111916 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 11 Mar 82

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On Syria's relations with the socialist states, Indra said these relations have a distinctive nature and strategy which is based on mutual respect between Syria and the socialist states, headed by the USSR, which support Syria's struggle against imperialism and Zionism and their expansionist ambitions in the region and all over the world. Indra stressed the need to strengthen and promote relations of cooperation between Syria and Czechoslovakia in all fields in the service of the two peoples and their interests, which are based on mutual respect and cooperation and on confronting imperialist and Zionist interests which are hostile to people's rights, freedom and independence. He said that Syria stands in the forefront of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front in the Arab region and that the Syrian leadership, party and people are facing the imperialist and Zionist plots and the hostile schemes aimed at defeating the Arab people and robbing them of their freedom and independence.

The CSSR official expressed surprise at French President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel especially following Israel's fresh aggression represented by its criminal and illegal decision to annex the occupied Syrian Golan Heights.

On the convening of the forthcoming session of the European parliament in occupied Jerusalem, Indra said that this parliament is not given any attention in his country.

On the Polish situation, Indra stressed the Polish people's steadfastness in facing the imperialist plots aimed at interfering in Poland's internal affairs. He praised the Polish people's adherence to the socialist system.

The CSSR Federal Assembly delegation left Damascus for Prague today after a 5-day visit to Syria.

TURKISH DEPUTY PREMIER TO VISIT LATE IN MONTH

JN111305 Damascus SANA in Arabic 1230 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Damascus, 11 Mar (SANA) -- Turgut Ozal, Turkish state minister and deputy prime minister, will pay an official visit to Syria at the end of this month at the invitation of 'Abd al-Qadir Qaddurah, Syrian deputy prime minister for economic affairs.

U.S. PRESSURE, THREATS REGARDING LEBANON DENIED

TA111102 Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew 11 Mar 82 p 2

[Report by political correspondent Ilan Kfir]

[Text] The prime minister's adviser on communications affairs, Uri Porat, said last night that, "there are no U.S. pressures, threats or warnings on Israel," thus denying reports alleging that the United States has been threatening Israel to deter it from carrying out a military operation in Lebanon and to promote its relations with the Arab countries. Political sources in Jerusalem noted that Philip Habib's last mission -- notwithstanding the difference between his and Israel's approach on various issues -- has contributed to calming the situation. The message Habib conveyed to the Lebanese leaders has apparently calmed the situation in that country in the wake of fears that Israel was planning an offensive against the terrorists. Habib transmitted the Israeli prime minister's message that Israel would not attack unless it is attacked.

SECURITY SOURCES CONFIRM SYRIAN POST AT BEAUFORT

TA111238 Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 1200 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Security sources have confirmed this morning's report in HA'ARETZ that the Syrian Army has established an observation post at the Beaufort Castle in southern Lebanon. There are no further details. A Syrian presence at the castle, which until now has been controlled solely by the terrorists, would mark the deepest penetration into the area by Syrian forces. Military observers have said that it would be a violation of the so-called red line which Israel sees as the extreme southern boundary for Syrian troops in Lebanon. UNIFIL forces are scheduled to establish an observation point of their own at the castle next week. This would be in accordance with an agreement between the UN forces and terrorist leaders made in Beirut.

FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON WEST TO HELP LEBANON

TA120742 Jerusalem POST in English 12 Mar 82 p 2

[Report by the diplomatic correspondent]

[Text] Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir yesterday called on France and other Western states to help Lebanon "free itself from the shackles of Syrian and PLO occupation." Addressing a group of French paratroop veterans at the Knesset, Shamir said the entire Lebanese people want to reassert their independence, but are prevented from doing so by the presence in Lebanon of some 30,000 Syrian troops and another 20,000 armed PLO men.

France has a wider role to fulfill in the area, Shamir added: to bring its influence to bear on the Arab states to enter into real peace with Israel. The French people should recognize and appreciate the enormous sacrifice Israel had made for peace, Shamir urged. He said the visiting veterans are witnessing a "national tragedy" in the evacuation of the Yamit area in Sinai, an area which Israel settled and made flourish. "If anyone thinks we are making this sacrifice out of weakness and that it is the harbinger of surrender in the future, he is grievously mistaken," Shamir declared. Israel had taken the risks entailed in the Sinai withdrawal out of a sense of strength and confidence, he said.

HADDAD ON SYRIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN S. LEBANON

TA120602 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0500 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] Major Haddad asserts that Syrian soldiers have been acting among the terrorists in southern Lebanon since the inception of the cease-fire. He says that during the last 2 weeks they have no longer hidden their presence, and they could be seen when they established an observation post in the Beaufort Castle. Haddad informed the UNIFIL commanders that he would shell the castle even if UNIFIL establishes an observation post of its own there. Our correspondent, Hayim Hecht, reports that tomorrow UNIFIL officers will come to the Beaufort Castle to ascertain whether they could establish an observation post there manned by UNIFIL.

MORE WEAPONS TO BE GIVEN TO VILLAGE LEAGUES

TA111034 Tel Avis MA'ARIV in Hebrew 11 Mar 82 p 1

[Report by Yosef Tzuri'el]

[Text] Security officials last night said Israel would supply more weapons to members of the village leagues to enable them to defend themselves in light of Jordan's threat of imposing death sentences on them and their collaborators. Extensive security measures have been adopted to assure the well-being of the village league members. It is estimated that some 170 villagers have to date been issued arms for self-defense and it is assumed a similar amount will be distributed.

MUSTAFA DUDIN INTERVIEWED ON JORDAN'S THREAT

JN111820 Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World 1530 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Interview granted by Mustafa Dudin, head of the Hebron area village league to Jerusalem radio correspondent Rif'at Qaddur in "With the Events" program -- date not given, recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr Mustafa Dudin, you occupied different posts in Jordanian governments. You served as minister of social affairs and labor and ambassador to Kuwait. How do you explain the threatening statement made yesterday by the Jordanian prime minister against the heads and members of the West Bank village leagues?

[Answer] Actually, I am sorry to state these facts. The current prime minister and some of his ministers have antagonized and hated our people for a long time. The current prime minister was the engineer of the massacre of the Palestinians in September 1970. Using his authority as head of intelligence, the current prime minister encouraged criminals to commit crimes against some of the armed forces men and Jordanian families and blamed the Palestinians for these crimes so as to turn the army and the Jordanians against their Palestinian brothers. He was helped in the media by intelligence officer Adnan Abu 'Awdah, the information minister in the current government.

When the armed forces did not respond adequately to his instigation, the current prime minister cooperated with a leading figure, who is dead now, in recruiting about 50,000 armed men of the Shammar tribe -- some of whose sons were officers in the Jordanian Army -- to carry out the dreadful massacre of September 1970. The current prime minister was not satisfied with that. The Jordanian Government and the Palestinians had reached an agreement under which the Palestinians would pull out of Amman unmolested. But the Palestinians had barely reached the areas assigned to them in Jarash Forest, when they were attacked by artillery. This is some of this man's history.

The reports reching us daily confirm that this government is now trying to create a situation similar to the one that existed in 1970. It is encouraging and deepening hostility between Jordanians and Palestinians. One of the methods used is the repeated visits to bedouin camps and strictly Jordanian towns and villages to turn the Jordanians against their Palestinian brothers. Large sums are being spent for this purpose. The last link in this conspiracy was the current prime minister's military order to try the members of the village leagues; in other words about 70 percent of the West Bank inhabitants. These inhabitants have their own clans and kinfolk in the east bank who are bound to be affected by this measure and will try to resist it. Thus, the circumstances would be ripe to carry out the new conspiracy.

Mudar Badran was not satisfied with this long black and bloody record. Recently, he began to forcibly recruit Palestinian youths and to send them to their death on the Iranian border so as to get rid of them and be rewarded with billions of dollars. Mudar Badran was not satisfied with the millions he received for three catastrophes to which his government had contibuted; namely, the catastrophe of the Palestinian people, the catastrophe of the Lebanese people which was the natural outcome of what befell the Palestinians in 1970 in Amman and Iraq's catastrophe in its war with Iran. He is currently planning a catastrophe for the fraternal Syrian people. He is training Muslim Brotherhood groups in the use of arms in Jordan and dispatching them to Syria to carry out his hideous criminal plan. This is the position of the current government and this is its history. Therefore, we cannot but expect such behavior from them.

[Question] Mustafa Dudin, head of the Hebron area village league, how do you see the future of West Bank leagues? Will the threatening statement affect their task in developing the villages in the West Bank?

[Answer] Only good things last. The village leagues are the villagers' only hope to develop their villages, provide services and improve their living conditions. Regardless of the hostility to them, these leagues are bound to triumph in the end. True, the hostile side has enormous resources at its disposal -- millions of dinars, acts of terrorism and threats of assassination, hanging or imprisonment -- still, it will not be able to stop the village league process. This process will continue, because it is for the general good. Hostility and threats are evil, which is bound to end.

The threat might affect some individuals, who receive their salaries from Amman or who are compelled to cooperate under pressure; however, the absolute majority of the inhabitants will continue to support these leagues and to rally around them, because they are the beacon which lights their way to well-being, peace and security.

PRIME MINISTER MEETS WITH MUSTAFA DUDIN

TA121019 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1000 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] The prime minister met this morning with the head of the Mt Hebron area village leagues, Mustafa Dudin. This has been learned by our political correspondent, Shim'on Schiffer. Begin decided on the meeting following the threats made by heads of the Jordanian Government against the village leagues, and in view of his intention to express support for the independent activity of these leagues.

Statement Released

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[Government Press Office release]

[Text] Jerusalem, 12 Mar -- The following has been reported by the prime minister's office.

Prime Minister Begin, at his request, received Mr Mustafa Dudin in his office today. Mr Dudin told the prime minister about the activities and objectives of the area village leagues in Judaea and Samaria. He noted that the support of the local population is greater than the public is aware of, and that despite the constant threats by PLO supporters, the majority of the rural population wants peaceful relations and understanding with the people in Israel.

The prime minister thanked Mr Dudin for his remarks and lauded the courage of Dudin and his colleagues. He explained to Mr Dudin the principles of autonomy which were initiated by the Israeli Government and which form part of the peace treaty.

SHARON ORDERS OUTLAWING OF GUIDANCE COMMITTEES

TA111935 Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew 1850 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Government Press Office release]

[Text] Jerusalem, 11 Mar -- The Defense Ministry's spokesman has announced:

According to the defense regulations for emergencies, the defense minister, with the knowledge and approval of the prime minister, has ordered the outlawing of the National Guidance Committee in Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. The National Guidance Committee is a PLO branch in theory and in practice. It is made up of representatives of the following organizations: the Democratic Front, Fatah and the Popular Front.

The National Guidance Committee has been set up with the declared objective of foiling the peace agreements signed at Camp David, and is the body that has steered the hostile and subversive activity in Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip since the signing of the Camp David agreements. It has initiated and organized illegal political rallies and unauthorized demonstrations that have featured speeches inciting people to use all means and measures in the confrontation with the authorities in order to lead to the defeat of Israel and the establishment of a PLO-led state.

This incitement was accompanied by assassinations and attempted assassinations of Arab personalities who stood against the PLO leadership. The committee has initiated and called on the inhabitants of Judaea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip to stage strikes and disrupt public order. The National Guidance Committee has targeted its activities on various institutions, especially educational institutions (schools and universities), causing the students to stage demonstrations, to disrupt classes and the daily lives of the inhabitants and to undermine security and public order.

Upon the establishment of the Civilian Administration in Judaea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip the committee members led the campaign against the Civilian Administration and the area village leagues by initiating strikes, and demonstrations, by inciting the inhabitants against cooperation with the Civilian Administration and by calling for physically harming the area village leagues leaders.

Nabulus Mayor Protests

TA112029 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 2000 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Nabulus Mayor Bassam Ash-Shak'ah has expressed surprise at the timing of the defense minister's outlawing of the National Guidance Committee in view of the fact that the committee's activities have been stopped because some of its members have been expelled, others injured and still others confined to their towns.

Speaking to our correspondent, Arye Gus, Bassam Ash-Shak'ah said that the decree outlawing the committee is a move toward further oppression in the territories.

It is aimed primarily at the prevention of opposition to the area village leagues from being organized. It is impossible not to link the banning of the committee and the ultimatum Jordan had placed before the area village leagues, Bassam Ash-Shak'ah said. The Nabulus mayor is considered to be the head of the National Guidance Committee in the territories.

HADASH MK Criticizes

TA120841 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0800 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] Knesset Member Me'ir Wilner says the decision to outlaw the National Guidance Committee is one more step in the increasing persecution in the territories, which Wilner says stems from two failures of the Israeli Government: the setting up of the Civilian Administration and the setting up of the area village leagues. Wilner adds that persecution in the territories is endangering freedom in Israel proper.

TALKS WITH 'ALI TO TAKE PLACE IN JERUSALEM

TA111036 Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew 11 Mar 82 p 1

[Report by political correspondent Ilan Kfir]

[Text] Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali will hold talks on normalization with Israel in Jerusalem. In contacts with Egypt on the eve of the talks, Israel made it plain that the talks would be held in Jerusalem. Minister 'Ali accepted Israel's view. However, during their stay in Israel 'Ali and his entourage will reside in Tel Aviv and travel to Jerusalem to attend the talks. The meetings of Sharon and 'Ali and Foreign Ministry officials from both countries are scheduled to wind up deliberations on the implementation of the normalization arragements in the Sinai.

REGULATION MAKES ID CARD MANDATORY FOR DRUZE

TA111022 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1000 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] All the Druze in the Golan will be obliged, in 2 weeks, to carry Israeli identity cards. Minister of the Interior Dr Yosef Burg signed a regulation which states that the identity cards that were issued by the Military Government to the Druze in the Golan would be valid only up to 1 April. Our correspondent Avshalom Ginosar reports that this regulation cancels a previous decision by the Interior Ministry, according to which the Golan Druze were obligated to carry Israeli identity cards only prior to the local council elections due to be held in November.

YUGOSLAVIA TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

TA111048 Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew 11 Mar 82 p 2

[Report from Geneva by Sherry Roberts]

[Text] A senior Yugoslav diplomat at the UN institutions in Geneva last night told MA'ARIV that "Yugoslavia will shortly resume diplomatic relations with Israel in the wake of French President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel." The Yugoslav diplomat noted that this issue would be handled by the new Yugoslav Government that will be formed in April.

LIBYA

TRIPOLI COMMENTS ON U.S. BAN ON LIBYAN OIL

LD112240 Tripoli Voice of Arab Homeland in Arabic 2115 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] The U.S. administration has imposed a total ban on its imports of Libyan oil. It has also ordered a ban on all its exports of oil technological equipment to the jamahiriyah. These measures were made public at a press conference held by the spokesman of the U.S. State Department yesterday afternoon. Justifying this decision by the U.S. administration, the spokesman alleged that the jamahiriyah is spreading terrorism throughout the world and is taking hostile stands toward those regimes allied with the United States, such as Somalia and Sudan.

The anti-jamahiriyah U.S. administration decision has aroused numerous reactions. Secretary General of OAPEC 'Ali 'Atiqah denounced the U.S. administration's decision to stop imports of oil from the jamahiriyah and has called for facing up to the U.S. decision and denouncing it. He was speaking in a statement to the QATARI NEWS AGENCY. He said this matter should not be allowed to pass easily because Libyan oil is an indivisible part of Arab oil and Libya is an indivisible part of the Arab nation.

We do not want here to relate the serial of U.S. aggression against the Libyan people and their great revolution, since the start of their great revolution on 1 September 1969. It suffices, however, to point to the preludes to the present decision. On 17 February 1982, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig revealed the filthy terroristic policy of the United States at a press conference in Morocco. He expressed his dismay at the growing role played by the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah in the cause of freedom and in support for the peoples struggling for freedom.

Political observers believe that these anti-jamahiriyah measures by the U.S. administration are no more than a prelude to further terroristic aggressive measures that might include armed aggression against the Libyan Arab people and their revolution.

The brother leader of the revolution described the attitude of the U.S. administration toward Libyan Arab oil and its plotting with the Saudi agent regime as a desperate U.S. attempt to subdue the peoples, to undermine the Palestine question and to impose a solution on the Palestinians and deprive Libya of money and arms to support the Palestine revolution. He affirmed that the Libyan Arab people will not submit to Arab reaction or the U.S. administration. He said it remains for our Arab nation's masses to face up to U.S. aggression by escalating their struggle against it, against its cancerous Zionist entity in our region and against Arab reaction. This is the road which the masses of our Arab nation, led by their living revolutionary forces, should follow against the U.S. Zionist aggression which is supported by Arab reaction, now that all masks covering the ugly face of the U.S. administration have been shed -- the U.S. administration whose chief, Reagan, said Israel was a strategic treasure for the United States in the Arab region.

COMMENTARY ATTACKS 'RECKLESS' U.S. DECISION

LD120200 Trupoli Voice of Arab Homeland in Arabic 0015 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The Reagan administration's reckless and frivolous decision to impose a total ban on its imports of Libyan oil and on the exportation of U.S. oil equipment and technology to the jamahiriyah under false pretexts and claims that arouse nothing but disgust and loathing, such as the charge that the jamahiriyah aids terrorism, has met with nothing more than mockery from the Libyan people and has come as no surprise. The U.S. animosity toward the jamahiriyah people has gone way beyond such economic pressure measures with the direct military clash in the Gulf of Sidra. Yet it did not make the Libyan people bat an eye or shake with fear under the pressure of the enormous military and material might of U.S. imperialism.

For the last 2 years, the Libyan Arab people had taken all possibilities of U.S. aggression into consideration and have been expecting clashes at every moment while preparing themselves to face up to the United States in all political, economic and military fields, mobilizing all their capabilities and resources for the purpose, and affirming total mass mobilization, thus epitomizing the principle of the armed people; and also while developing their economic capabilities and potentials to create new economic subsitutes as an alternative for oil. They have done all this out of their sure conviction that the values, ideals and principles put forward by the jamahiriyah and the fact that it has been acting as an international platform for fighting imperialism, Zionism, reaction and racism were bound one day to clash with the political line propounded by terrorist Reagan which aims at crushing the peoples' freedoms, combatting the liberation and revolution movements and bolstering the agent regimes that are hostile to their peoples and that are subservient to U.S. imperialism.

Thus our people have not been surprised by this U.S. oil ban and the U.S. economic war. The United States is wrong if it imagines that its measures will make our people kneel after starving them. First, our people are fully confident in their economic and military capabilities which will enable them to stand fast. And second and foremost, our people are fully confident of their enormous morale capabilities and are determined to confront U.S. imperialism even if tht means the total annihilation of the entire Libyan people.

The real reasons for this declared U.S. war against the jamahiriyah people do not lie in the allegations made by U.S. imperialism -- allegations that have become exposed and well-known to world public opinion, such as the allegation that Libya suports terrorism. Bruno Kreisky yesterday said that there was no evidence to corroborate the truth of these allegations. The truth of the matter is that U.S. imperialism wants our people to lose their independence and to retreat from their ideological and principled choices and to bow their head and kneel in front of the United States. But the Libyans would rather die than do any such thing.

Our people are unlike the reactionary regimes which open their lands and skies to the U.S. forces. Here in the jamahiriyah we have authority of the people who decide matters in the open without any representation or proxy. We have no ruler or government to decide to bow humbly before the United States for the sake of safeguarding their own narrow selfish interests.

Because of our people's insistence on maintaining their independence and adhering to their political, social and economic ideological choices and because of their refusal to kneel before the United States, U.S. imperialism has been taking all these provocative, hostile measures against our people.

But our people say with a full voice their famous words: to hell with the United States. Our people will never kneel or bow. We say welcome to confrontation with U.S. imperialism. Welcome to death for the sake of the glory and honor of this nation.

We will not be harmed at all by these economic measures because we have numerous other economic alternatives for oil. The American people will be the ones to suffer. The helpless American people have begun to get wise to various election tricks which led to the triumph of an adventurous maniac and a failing actor such as traitor Reagan who has been personally destroying the interests of the American people and leading the world to the brink of a destructive third world war.

MOROCCO

BOUCETTA, DELEGATION DEPART FOR PARIS 10 MARCH

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[Text] Rabat, 11 Mar (MAP) -- Mr Dey Ould Sidi Baba, speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives, and Mr M'hamed Boucetta, Moroccan minister of state for foreign affairs, left here Wednesday heading for Paris and bearing a message from King Hassan II of Morocco, chairman of the Jerusalem Committee, to Mr Jose Maria de Areibza, chairman of the assembly of the European council.

In a declaration he made before departure, Mr Boucetta pointed out that the sovereign has entrusted them with the task of drawing the attention of the chairman of the assembly of the European council to the gravity of the decision made by the political commission of the assembly to next meet in Jerusalem.

He said they will explain the Moroccan stance on this issue which reflects the stance of all Islamic countries and recalled the unshakable decision of the Islamic Conference and Jerusalem Committee chaired by the Moroccan sovereign following the (?odious)) act of Israel's making Jerusalem its "everlasting" capital recalling that it this act was deemed null and void by the Security Council and the UN General Assembly.

ROMANIAN DELEGATION ARRIVES ON OFFICIAL VISIT

LD111352 Rabat MAP in English 1223 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Rabat, 11 Mar (MAP) -- The Romanian minister of industry and the making of machinery, Mr Ioan Avram, arrived here Wednesday leading a large delegation on a three day official visit to Morocco. In a declaration he made upon arrival, Mr Ioan Avram pointed out that this visit is part of the efforts aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation.

SUDAN

INTERIOR MINISTER INTERVIEWED ON SECURITY ISSUES

GF111500 Ad-Damman AL-YAWM in Arabic 10 Mar 82 p 15

[Interview granted to AL-YAWM correspondent Salih 'Abdallah by Interior Minister Ahmad 'Abd ar-Rahman Muhammad -- place and date not given]

[Excerpts] [Question] Saudi Arabia has signed security agreements with a number of Arab states, particularly Arabian Gulf states. Will a similar agreement be signed between Sudan and the kingdom and, if so, what are the bases of such an agreement?

[Answer] It is rather pleasing to see continuing efforts to materialize greater cooperation among the Arab states in the form of bilateral agreements. We desire this and look forward to it with great pleasure. We hope that, within the framework of their joint interests, the Arab states will seek such agreements. Regarding Sudan and the kingdom, bilateral relations are very deep and require no further explanation because they are profound, deep and strong.

In this connection there are plans to sign agreements in the field of security as well as in other fields. There is a plan to sign an agreement on the prevention of narcotics trafficking and a plan to sign an agreement on the extradition of criminals. These plans require motivation. I believe that in the near future, God willing, the agreement will be signed. I wish to stress that we consider this a priority and it should be a priority for both fraternal states, the kingdom and Sudan. With regard to details, I believe that some phrases need to be revised, but in essence the agreement prevents drug trafficking, especially along the coast of the Red Sea.

[Question] Do you believe that Sudan's invasion in 1976 and what Kuwait and Bahrain have recently been subjected to were motivated by the superpowers or are just the result of devilish whims and inclinations?

[Answer] I believe that all these conflicts in the Arab region -- whether between two Arab states or between an Arab state and an Islamic state, and all conflicts on the African level such as between Libya and Chad and also in Syria -- all these are reflections of the foreign powers which aim to undermine the Arab region and Islamic values. They also aim to fragment and weaken these resources that should have been used to secure the interests of the Arabs and Muslims. These powers embroiled the region in internal conflicts that benefit only the superpowers and international Zionism. I hope and Sudan hopes that there will be a way to calm Arab ranks, purify the Islamic atmosphere, and bloster love and fraternity among brothers in both the Arab and Islamic regions.

[Question] Sudan had previously closed its borders to the Eritrean revolutionaries and Sudanese authorities closed the offices that belonged to the three Eritrean fronts. In view of the current situation there and Mengistu's threat to invade whoever supports the revolutionaries, what is Sudan's stand? Do you believe that Mengistu meant to threaten Sudan?

[Answer] By virtue of its geographic location, Sudan borders a large number of African and Arab states, about eight in all. The borders between Sudan and Ethiopia are rather long; they amount to thousands of kilometers. It is not true that Sudan closed its borders to the Eritreans. I don't believe Sudan could do that. I was once at the eastern border -- it was during the conflict among the Eritrean organizations -- and large groups of Eritreans entered the capital of the eastern province, Kassala. What happened then? They were welcomed. Why did they enter the towns? Because the conflicts that existed between them put them under pressure from the Ethiopian authorities and they found that the only way to get rid of the pressure was to enter Sudanese towns and cities with all their arms and ammunition. Obviously this is unacceptable to all states for security and stability reasons. This also meant a strong demand for the provisions available to citizens. This forced all departments in the towns -- no matter how strong and capable they were -- to take extraordinary measures in order to provide their requirements. All this took place through cooperation between the Eritrean citizens and the authorities in charge of the eastern province. No one can imagine that we would close the border or expel the Eritreans. The number present in Sudan now may have increased and I personally imagine that they exceed 300,000 or 400,000 persons. It is not true that we closed the border. It is sufficient to answer these claims by noting the increasing numbers of Eritreans arriving in Sudan.

[Question] Does this mean that the offices of the three fronts are still open?

[Answer] As I have mentioned, there are great numbers of Eritreans who entered Sudan and forced the government to adopt measures in order to confront this situation. The status of the three fronts and the conflicts between the various organizations are, of course, present in Sudan. This made the government adopt many measures and precautions in order to secure the stability and safety of the Eritreans themselves. I wish that the Governments that support the Eritrean people will at least share with us the burdens of the Eritrean problem. In fact the Eritrean problem is an Arab and Islamic problem and requires full contribution.

LIBYAN OPPOSITION DENOUNCES AL-QADHDHAFI CALL

JN111545 Khartoum SUNA in Arabic 1430 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Khartoum, 11 Mar (SUNA) -- The National Front for the Salvation of Libya today issued the following statements: It has been reported that during his visit to Austria Al-Qadhdhafi declared his readiness to meet with Libyan opposition figures abroad in order to discuss the impediments to their return to Libya. This is an obvious maneuver by Al-Qadhdhafi meant to deceive European and international public opinion and to appear to be a democratic leader who advocates dialogue with the opposition figures in order to avoid any embarrassment by the newsmen, to cover his ugly dictatorial face and to give the impression that Libyan opposition exists only abroad.

Al-Qadhdhafi has forgotten that the European capitals were recently the scenes of physical liquidation carried out by his revolutionary committees which claimed the lives of innocent Libyan victims, whose only mistake was to reject living under the canopy of dictatorship. He has also forgotten that Europe was the center of his terrorist campaigns and even Vienna was the scene of the seizure of the OPEC oil ministers. Al-Qadhdhafi's role in all these acts is very clear.

Al-Qadhdhafi has forgotten or pretends to have forgotten his acts persecuting the Libyan people, suppressing liberties, opening detention camps, unjustly confiscating property, plundering resources, sapping energies, flouting all values, violating sanctities and sabotaging the present and future of Libya. Has he forgotten all this?

The world at large, including Europe, is well aware that Al-Qadhdhafi is a dangerous terrorist and dictator. They know his deceptive methods and maneuvers. His announcement is only an abortive attempt to mislead the European and international public. The front categorically refuses to meet with the tyrant.

Al-Qadhdhafi's regime and practices are continuing. We can never be reconciled to his oppression and tyranny against our steadfast people. The front's stands express the views of the Libyan people who reject Al-Qadhdhafi's regime and work to overthrow it. We would like to prove this by challenging Al-Qadhdhafi to show his popularity by holding a popular referendum under neutral international supervision. We challenge him to let the people express themselves freely and to reduce the strict security measures and the number of his personal guard.

We call on Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kriesky who is currently playing host to Al-Qadhdhafi not to tie his country's interest to Al-Qadhdhafi who is isolated both internationally and within his own country, and not to build Austria's interests at the expense of the aspirations of the Libyan people who are endeavoring to get rid of his fascist regime. We call on the world governments and peoples, organizations and media to intervene in order to release the Libyan detainees who fill Al-Qadhdhafi's jails. Some of these detainees have already served their terms of imprisonment and some of them have not been put on trial yet. On this occasion, we would like to salute the fraternal and friendly states which stand by the Libyan people and hope that others will take the same position, reconsider their relations with the tyrant and leave him to the Libyan people who know how to settle accounts with him.

[Signed] The official spokesman of the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, Dr Muhammad Yusuf al-Muqaryif

ETHIOPIA

COURTS BEGIN HEARINGS ON ACTICORRUPTION CASES

NC111515 Paris AFP in English 1453 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Addis Ababa, 11 Mar (AFP) -- The first cases in Ethiopia's anti-corruption campaign have gone before the courts, involving bribery, embezzlement and breach of trust.

Two former police treasurers, Captains Dimiru Tiruneh and Damessa Gudeta, appeared before the first bench of the special anti-corruption court yesterday on charges of embezzling more than 300,000 birr (about $150,000) of government funds between them.

Also charged were seven former officers of neighborhood associations (kebeles), an Agriculture Ministry employee, a Defense Ministry official and six other unidentified men.

The Ethiopian authorities promulgated an anti-corruption law and set up special courts to deal with offenders in September last year, after the discovery that vast sums in state funds were being funnelled into private hands.

KENYA

GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON SEYCHELLES COUP

EA111858 Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The Kenya Government has reacted very strongly to the reported statement by President Albert Rene of the Seychelles on the attempted invasion of this country last November by a group of mercenaries.

In a statement issued this evening, the Kenya Government said that it has nothing to hide in the matter, and if President Rene had any additional information available to him he should also pass the same information both to the UN commission of inquiry and the Kenva Government. The Kenya Government said the statement takes strong exception to the insinuations in President Rene's statement regarding the confidence enjoyed by Kenyan ministers vis-a-vis the president.

The statement reaffirmed the Kenya Government's earlier condemnation of the attempted mercenary invasion of the Seychelles and hopes that all involved will be brought to justice.

The government statement outlined all the measures taken by the Kenya Government since the mercenary invasion and said that Kenya publicly condemned the aggression and further dissociated itself from allegations that it was implicated in abortive invasion.

The statement recalled subsequent communications between His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi and President Rene when he sought Kenya Government's cooperation and assistance in the investigation exercise by the UN commission of inquiry set up by the UN Security Council to probe into the circumstances leading to the abortive invasion.

President Rene, said the government statement, further requested for certain confidential information from the Kenya Government which was communicated to him.

The Kenya Government has also cooperated fully with the UN commission of inquiry by furnishing all the facts at her disposal. The statement said further: While waiting for the report of the UN commission of inquiry, it is unfortunate for President Rene to attempt to anticipate the outcome of the report by implicating a section of Kenya Government's security forces or other highly-placed Kenyans.

FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CHAD WITH OAU TEAM

EA111838 Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The minister for foreign affairs, Dr Robert Ouko, today received a message for President Daniel arap Moi from President Ja'far Numayri of Sudan. The message was handed over to Dr Ouko by the Sudanese ambassador to Kenya, Mr Yusuf Mukhtar Yusuf.

Meanwhile, Dr Ouko will leave for Chad tonight for a meeting with President Goukouni Oueddei on matters relating to Chad. Dr Ouko, who will be the personal representative of the current chairman of the OAU, President Daniel arap Moi, will be accompanied by the chairman of the OAU Council of Ministers, Mr Archibald Mogwe. He will also be accompanied by the OAU secretary general, Mr Edem Kodjo.

SOMALIA

NATIONAL PLANNING MINISTER ADDRESSES RALLY

EA111936 Hargeisa Domestic Service in Somali 1530 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] A mass demonstration in support of the Somali president's visit to America held opposite the regional party headquarters in Hargeisa yesterday. Participants came from all walks of life, including students, social and religious leaders, womens organizations, workers and members of the armed forces. The demonstrators were later addressed by Minister of National Planning Challe Brig Gen Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah and Regional Party Secretary of Northwest Region Challe Col Abdullah Haji Ahmad.

Addressing the gathering, Challe Brig Gen Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah said the president's visit to America will strengthen the friendly and cordial relationship that exists between Somalia and America. Challe Ahmad Sulayman added that Somalia and America are cooperating in the defense and economic sectors. The minister added that such cooperation is of great value to the peoples of the two nations.

Challe Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah also stressed that it is only through unity and cooperation that any nation can surmount the difficulties facing it. He urged all those who participated in the mass demonstration to work jointly in the national interest, and further urged them to be vigilant and prepared to defend the national integrity and existence of their country. He further urged them to watch out for all subversive elements working against the country. He called on them to wage a vigorous war against the enemy, who is collaborating in the disintegration and dismemberment of their nation. He further urged them to be alert at all times to defend their nationhood and integrity.

Minister of National Planning Challe Brig Gen Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah called on all Somalis, the general public and the various state organs to be vigilant against enemies of the state whether external or internal.

Challe Brig Gen Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah concluded that some people among the general public, with ugly and divisive policies, who are surrogates and tools of the colonialists and their backers. These, he said, must be wiped out. Challe Ahmad Sulayman Abdullah spoke in detail on the long, historical struggle that the people of the region waged in order to achieve their independence, freedom and existence.

Earlier, Regional Party Secretary Challe Col Abdullah Haji Ahmad spoke at the gathering and explained the overall situation in the region. The regional party secretary further noted the need for the region's people to play their nationalistic role in defending the country. The regional party secretary praised the people of Hargeisa and the surrounding areas for their united role in defense of their nation. [remainder of item indistinct]

GHANA

RAWLINGS ADDRESSES RALLY, NOTED PROBLEMS

AB111910 Accra Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The chairman of the Provisional National Defense Council, Flight Lieutenant Rawlings, has declared hunger the number one enemy of the country. The council has therefore decided to concentrate on agriculture to ensure sufficient food for all Ghanaians. Flight Lieutenant Rawlings was addressing a massive rally of workers, market women and schoolchildren at Ho. He said the road ahead will be a little difficult but Ghanaians do not have to fear. This is because the present situation will have to be borne by all citizens in order to pave the way for a better future. The chairman said it is not enough to talk about loving one's country; rather one will have to respect it. He said the time of economic slavery is gone and until the basic needs of every productive member of the society are satisfied, no one has a right to own property more than necessary when other members of the society have nothing.

Flight Lieutenant Rawlings said if God thought it wise to create man in his own image, then what went on in Ghana was not a reflection of God's will. Speaking in Ewe [local language in Volta region], Flight Lieutenant Rawlings noted that freedom is a very precious possession. Ghanians, therefore, have to grab it and use it well; otherwise, it will be taken away from them. Flight Lieutenant Rawlings advised the workers to ask questions and understand the issues instead of sitting down expecting some other persons to do everything for them.

PNDC MEMBER SAYS REVOLUTION SEEKS PERMANENT BASE

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[Text] A member of the Provisional National Defense Council, Sgt Alolga Akata-Poree, has advised people who have adopted a lukewarm attitude towards the revolution to change, because it is not going to be a 9-day wonder. Speaking at the inauguration of the Ministry of Defense People's Defense Committee [PDC] at the Burma Camp in Accra this morning, Sergeant Akata-Poree emphasized that any attempt to reverse the current revolution will be over the dead bodies of the people. He advised Ghanaians to take seriously the Defense Committees because it is these committees which can sustain the revolution.

Sergeant Akata-Poree said unlike the June 1979 revolution, the present one seeks to build a permanent social and economic structure for the people. Sergeant Akata-Poree advised the Ministry of Defense PDC to identify areas which have in the past created conflicts in the armed forces and work to eliminate them.

He mentioned as an example promotion, selection of men for courses and overseas operations as some of the areas which need urgent attention. Sergeant Akata-Poree also advised the soldiers to be disciplined at all times and desist from molesting innocent civilians.

The chairman of the Ministry of Defense PDC, WO 1 Thomas Brown-Bondzie, promised that the committee would expose any injustice and antirevolutionary elements in the ministry. He said the soldiers are prepared to work hard in the face of any danger and will resist any political propaganda to divide their ranks.

PNDC ADOPTS MEASURES TO CONTOL SOLDIERS

AB111940 Accra Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The Provisional National Defense Council [PNDC] has adopted stringent measures to control the movements and behavior of members of the people's armed forces. The aim is to (?probe) those who are illegally wearing military or paramilitary uniforms and soldiers who are acting contrary to the code of military discipline.

A statement by the PNDC explained that the decision follows persistent harassment of the public and unwarranted abuses by persons wearing military or paramilitary uniforms. It warns that serious disciplinary measures will be taken against the misuse of military or paramilitary uniforms by Boys Scouts, retired soldiers and policemen.

NUNOO-MENSAH SAYS PNDC NOT AGAINST WOMEN

AB112016 Accra Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] The Provisional National Defense Council [PNDC] is not against any group of people in the country, because it realizes that the rebuilding of the nation cannot be done without the involvement of all. This assurance was given by the chief of defense staff [CDS] and member of the PNDC, Brigadier Nunoo-Mensah.

Addressing market women in Accra today, Brigadier Nunoo-Mensah said the council is aware that women have a lot to offer and will not take any action that will bring hardship on them. They should, therefore, discard the wrong impression that the PNDC is against women. The CDS advised them to feel free to go about their legitimate business and sell their wares at the control prices.

He told the women that certain areas of businesses, especially the retail trade, are causing a lot of problems for the country. Market women who have been banned from the sale of certain commodities should think of other alternative areas where they can serve the nation better. For example, they can move into the distribution of food-stuffs, which will be more beneficial to themselves and the nation.

The CDS appealed to all Ghanaians to make it a point to farm during this farming season, saying this is the only way by which they can be assured of abundant food at reasonable prices.

GABON

PRESIDENT BONGO APPOINTS NEW TRANSPORT MINISTER

AB112205 Libreville Domestic Service in French 1830 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] President Omar Bongo today signed a decree completing the composition of the government with the appointment of George Rawiri as first deputy prime minister and minister of transport and heavy industries. The rest of the cabinet has not been affected.

ANGOLA

PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDES VISIT

Attends Dinner

EA111152 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Excerpts] Visiting Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira was honored at an official dinner in Luanda yesterday hosted by the foreign minister and member of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, Comrade Paulo Teixeira Jorge.

Addressing the Portuguese foreign minister on the occasion, Comrade Paulo Jorge said:

[Begin recording] We cannot fail to mention that the talks that opened yesterday will contribute, Mr minister, to strengthening relations between the People's Republic of Angola and the Portuguese Republic and consequently to the development of bilateral cooperation in various fields.

Your presence here, Mr minister, makes us think both of the past and of the future, though we think the future is more important in that it affects the legitimate aspirations of both our peoples. We are happy to have a Portuguese delegation led by you, Mr minister, visit us in order that we may try to consolidate the existing relations between the Republic of Angola and the Portuguese Republic. [end recording]

In reply, Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira said:

[Begin recording] Our visit is another step forward in strengthening relations that will soon be most visible and symbolic, following the state visit that the president of the Republic of Portugal, representing the entire Portuguese state and people, will make to Angola. [end recording]

The Portuguese foreign minister's official visit to our country is expected to end today. According to his agenda, Andre Goncalves Pereira will make a statement to the press before returning home.

Returns Home

AB111952 Luanda ANGOP in French 1752 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Luanda, 11 Mar (ANGOP) -- Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira left Luanda today for Portugal at the end of a 3-day official visit.

Speaking to the press shortly before his departure, the Portuguese foreign minister said his visit to the People's Republic of Angola involved a series of talks in connection with the normalization of bilateral relations.

Goncalves Pereira's visit, the first by a Portuguese foreign minister, was considered a positive step toward strengthening bilateral cooperation, according to sources at the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This is why, during a toast proposed on Wednesday evening during a dinner held in honor of his Portuguese counterpart, Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge recalled that the Angolan people's struggle was aimed against the Portuguese colonial regime and not against the Portuguese people, who were also victims of that regime. The Angolan minister said: "Times have changed and relations exist today between the two independent states."

For his part, Goncalves Pereira noted that relations between Angola and Portugal have now returned to normal and invited his Angolan counterpart to pay an official visit to Portugal.

Goncalves Pereira and Paulino Pinto Joao, Angolan secretary of state for cooperation, held a meeting yesterday during which they discussed a few points to be dealt with by the Angolan-Portuguese joint commission, which is to meet in 2 weeks in Luanda.

The points on the commission's agenda include a bilateral agreement in the field of health and another on economic cooperation. Bilateral cooperation in specific fields will involve implementation of the general agreement signed in 1978 by Presidents Agostinho Neto and Ramalho Eanes.

NAMIBIA

NUJOMO URGES SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

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[By Marie Joannidis]

[Text] Luanda, 11 Mar (AFP) -- The South-West Africa Peoples' Organization supports the idea of a negotiated settlement in Namibia based on the United Nations plan, but it would like sanctions to be imposed on South Africa meanwhile, SWAPO President Sam Nujoma has said here.

In an interview with AFP here, Mr Nujoma described a recent summit conference in Maputo, Mozambique, of the frontline states as a "historic event" which came as South Africa stepped up its "acts of terror in Namibia" and launched direct or indirect actions against several frontline states.

This was the first frontline conference attended by Mr Nujoma and the leaders of the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa. Other delegates were the leaders of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Maputo meeting agreed to increase their cooperation to face up to South Africa and pledged their support for the two liberation movements.

Mr Nujoma reiterated that SWAPO, and through it the Namibian people, were ready to sign a cease-fire with South Africa and to work with the United Nations secretary general towards implementing Resolution 435 on a settlement for Namibia. However, SWAPO rejected amendments to the plan, proposed by the five Western contact nations, under which a constituent assembly would be elected under a system of one man, two votes.

Under the plan drafted by the contact group (the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany) -- which has been accepted by South Africa but rejected by SWAPO, the frontline states, Nigeria and Kenya -- calls for half the seats in the assembly to be filled on the basis of proportional representation and the other half by constituency elections. Mr Nujoma said that such an electoral system was used only in Germany.

"We see the Western powers, on behalf of South Africa, attempting to introduce a Bantustan system behind the doors," he said. African Namibians see the move as favoring the white minority over the Ovambo peoples, who form the great majority of the black population in the old imperial German colony.

"The United States imposed economic sanctions against Iran. Why not against South Africa?" Mr Nujoma asked. "Sanctions must be used to force that regime to change its policies."

The SWAPO leader warned that if there was no other alternative, the "people of Namibia will intensify the struggle" to force the South African administration out of Namibia.

Mr Nujoma said there would be no foreign bases in an independent Namibia, but he added that a country was entitled to have better relations with those states which had been friendly towards it.

SWAPO GUERRILLAS KILL EIGHT CIVILIANS 10 MAR

AB111024 Paris AFP in English 0950 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Windhoek, Namibia, 11 Mar (AFP) -- Guerrillas of the South-West Africa Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) killed eight people on a farm in Oshikutu, northern Namibia, Wednesday, an official spokesman said today.

The spokesman said that the SWAPO commando had crossed back into Angola since the attack, 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the border. Two other villagers were wounded in the shooting, in which the guerrillas opened fire after standing the civilians against wall. Only one person on the farm escaped unscathed.

SOUTH AFRICA

ARMY DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF SEYCHELLES HIJACK GROUP

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[Text] The trial in the South African city of Pietermaritzburg of 43 men allegedly involved in the Seychelles hijacking of an Air India Boeing in November took a dramatic turn this morning. The commanding officer of No 2 Reconnaissance Commando, Commander (Dies Von Spey), in a sworn statement to the court, denied any knowledge of 11 of the accused. He said that if these people had been called up for service in the Seychelles in the course of their duty he would have had knowledge and records of the fact. He denied that the 11 accused had been called up by the Department of Defense for service in the Seychelles.

Admissions by the accused were also submitted to the court as evidence. It is admitted that the aircraft, the Boeing of Air India, flew from Salisbury to the Seychelles with 65 passengers and a crew of 14 on board and landed early in the morning on 6 November. All the accused, except three of them under Col Mike Hoare, had left from Swaziland for Mahe Airport in the Seychelles.

Government Knowledge

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[Text] In the trial of the 43 alleged hijackers in the South African city of Pietermaritzburg, evidence has been laid that one of the accused had said that South African Government members had been aware of the attempt to overthrow the Government of the Seychelles. The chief of the South African Railways Security Police in Natal Province, Lt Col J.S. (Mouton), said such a statement was made to him shortly after the Air India Boeing with the alleged hijackers on board had been forced to land in Durban on the east coast. He said the statement had been made to him by Mr Peter Duffy, one of the accused.

SWAZILAND

ANC FORBIDDEN TO USE COUNTRY AS OPERATIONS BASE

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[Text] Mbabane, Mar 11 (AFP) -- The deputy prime minister of Swaziland, Senator N. Swbantze, told the Swazi House of Assembly that the government would not tolerate members of the African National Congress using Swaziland as a springboard for attacks in South Africa.

Answering questions from the floor about facilities and protection provided for refugees in the kingdom, he said that more than 6,000 refugees in Swaziland, including ANC members, had been offered political asylum.

But he assured the house that one of Swaziland's policies was that of good neighborliness, and he had several times warned members of the ANC not to (?use) Swaziland as a military base against South Africa.

Any refugee belonging to "a certain political organisation" would be arrested if found in possession of arms, he said.

ZIMBABWE

FORMER ZIPRA LEADER DABENGWA ARRESTED 11 MARCH

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[Text] Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, 11 Mar (AFP) -- Secret police today arrested Dumiso Dabengwa, former intelligence chief of minority leader Joshua Nkomo's guerrilla army and a reputed key figure in the arms cache discoveries that led to Mr Nkomo's dismissal from government, Mr Dabengwa's family said.

A man who identified himself as Mr Dabengwa's uncle told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE in telephone interview from Mr Dabengwa's Bulawayo home that the policemen had come to the house about midnight and had waited there for seven hours.

Mr Dabengwa, who was one of the most powerful men in Mr Nkomo's old Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) during the war against white rule, came home after 0700 and was seized, the uncle said.

The relative, who said he was there throughout the incident, quoted the secret policemen as saying they were acting under the personal orders of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's security minister, Emmerson Munangagwa. The uncle said police returned to the house, in a Bulawayo suburb, after 1000 and searched it.

Mr Dabengwa was said to have had custody of some of the military vehicles found by soldiers and police last month on one of the properties controlled by Mr Nkomo's Patriotic Front (PF). Mr Mugabe fired Mr Nkomo and three followers from the Cabinet on February 17, charging they were involved in plotting to overthrow his government.

Deputy Army Commander Arrested

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[Text] The deputy commander of the Zimbabwe National Army, Lt Gen Lookout Masuku, has been arrested by security forces in pursuance of the current investigations into the caching of arms. A (?prime minister's) spokesman announced this today. Other persons arrested are Dumiso Dabengwa and (Swazini Ndhlouvu).